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SEYMOUR

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

ANNALS.

"The Church is no other than the outward visible representation of the inward communion of believers with the Redeemer, and with one another."—NEANDER.

MANUAL

OF THE

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

IN SEYMOUR,

INCLUDING A

A LIST OF THE PRESENT AND PAST MEMBERSHIP

WITH

OTHER MATTERS OF INTEREST

PERTAINING TO

THE CHURCH AND THE SOCIETY.

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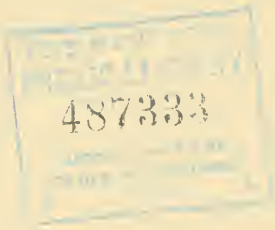

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THE SEYMOUR

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

ORGANIZED 1789.

April 20th, 1893.

PASTOR:

REV. HOLLIS A. CAMPBELL.

DEACONS:

EDWIN A. LUM, GEORGE O'MEARA,
WILLIAM B. NICHOLS, THOMAS WILLIAMS.

Church Service.

Sunday, 10:30 a. m., and 7 p. m.
Sunday School after the morning service.
Y. P. S. C. E., Sunday evening at 6 o'clock.
Prayer Meeting Thursday evening at 7:30.

Sacraments.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is administered the first Sabbath morning in Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept. and Nov.

A cordial invitation is given to attend all the services.

Clerk, (of church) W. C. Sharpe. Treasurer, C. J. Atwater.
Auditor, Geo. O'Meara.

Prudential Committee.

Geo. E. Matthies, Geo. O'Meara, Wm. Harris,
Mrs. H. A. Radford, Mrs. H A. Campbell.

The Church committee includes officers of the Church, Supt. of S. S., and the Prudential committee.

Sabbath School.

Superintendent, C. J. Atwater; Assistants, M. C. Kier and W. C. Sharpe. Treasurer, S. R. Dean. Secretary, S. M. Beach. Librarian, E. N. Taylor.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE—Mrs. H. A. Radford, Mrs. H. M. Barber, E. N. Taylor, W. C. Sharpe.

The Society.

CLERK—T. B. Beach.
TREASURER—C. J. Atwater.
AUDITOR—V. H McEwen.
COLLECTOR—Edwin A. Lum.
COMMITTEE E. G. Wheeler, S. D. Beach, and M. C. Kier.
TITHINGMEN—E. G. Wheeler, M. C. Kier, Thomas Thomas.
USHERS—Oliver Williams, Lewis McEwen, S. M Beach, Charles Davis.

Societies.

LADIES' AID—President, Mrs. F. Van Volkenberg; Secretary, Mrs. W. D. Ingersoll; Treasurer, Miss E Lockwood.

Y. P. S. C. E.—President, Miss Fannie L. McEwen; Vice President, C. J. Atwater; Secretary, Miss Ella Williams; Treasurer, Oliver Williams.

REPORTS.

Whole number of members	219
Added during the year	33
Added by profession	21
Added by letter	12
Withdrawals by letter	9
Net increase	24
Members baptized in church	10
Deaths	0
Number of families connected with church and Sunday School	230
Members enrolled in Sunday School Jan. 1	335
Average since Jan. 1	199
Number of members in Y. P. S. C. E	60
Number of marriages attended	13
Number of funerals attended	19

BENEVOLENCE.

Home Missions	$5.00	
Home Missions, personal contributions	5.00	
For College and Education Society	12.25	
Fund for Ministers	3.00	
To Congregational S. S. and Pub. Society, by S. S	16 37	
To Conn. S. S. Association by S S	10.00	
Box to school in Grand View, Tenn	10 00	
The S. S. to McCook, Neb	7 50	
Y. P. S. C. E., to Mission Work in Japan	11 00	
Ladies' Aid Society to Home Missions	20.00	
Ladies' Aid Society box Home Missions	45.00	
Total		$144 62

Church and Society Finances.

Church expenses apart from Benevolence	$ 37.73	
S. S. expenses for year ending Jan. 1	134.26	
Society expenses	1939 14	
Total		$2111.13

Summary for the Year.

Benevolent Offerings	$ 144.62	
Church and Society expenses	2111 13	
Total		$2255.75

OUR MOTTO.

"Looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith."

"STANDING RULES" OF THE CHURCH

AS REVISED MAY 1, 1890.

1. This church shall be called "The Seymour Congregational Church."

2. The officers of this church shall be a clerk, four deacons, a treasurer, a Sundayschool superintendent, and an auditor, all of whom shall be members of the church, and chosen annually by ballot, except the deacons, who shall be chosen by ballot for four years, one retiring, and one at least shall be elected annually for the full term of four years.

3. The pastor shall be ex officio moderator of all business meetings of the church. In the absence of a pastor, a deacon or one of the brethren shall be made moderator pro tempore, by vote of the meeting.

4. The annual business meeting of the church shall be held during the first half of the month of January, and on such a day as the church committee shall appoint, of which due notice shall be given from the pulpit on the Sabbath next preceding.

5. Ordinary business may be done at any regular meeting of the church. A special business meeting may be called whenever in the opinion of the church committee one is necessary. Such a meeting must be called when five members in good standing, and entitled to vote on questions requiring the concurrent action of the church and ecclesiastical society, shall present a written request for one to the church committee.

6. All members of this church in good standing are voters, except on questions requiring the concurrent action of the ecclesiastical society, when only members of twentyone years of age and upward shall vote.

7. There shall be a prudential committee chosen annually, of five members, of whom two shall be females, who shall have the care and control of all property belonging to the church; shall conduct the financial affairs of the church, subject always to its directing vote, and, together with the officers of the church, shall constitute a general church committee to examine and propose all candidates for membership; to prosecute cases of discipline; to direct the charities of the church, and to exercise such fraternal supervision over all the interests of the church as will tend to promote its peace and prosperity.

8. Persons wishing to join this church, either by profession or by letter, should present their request (through the pastor or any one of its members) to the church committee.

9. No person can become a member of this church until his application has been approved by the church committee, and accepted by vote of the church, and until he has publicly entered into covenant with the church.

10. When a member of this church applies for a letter of dismission, his application shall be announced to the church, and if no member lodges an objection with the clerk or with a member of the church committee within the succeeding five days, it shall be the duty of the clerk to issue the letter in due form. Such letters will be valid only for six months from their date, but shall be

renewable at the discretion of the committee.

11. Members of this church who remove elsewhere are advised and expected to transfer their membership to some evangelical church in their locality within one year from the time of their removal from this parish, unless satisfactory reasons for delay exist and can be given.

THE SUNDAYSCHOOL.

12. The officers of the Sundayschool shall be a superintendent, two assistant superintendents, secretary, treasurer, librarian, and two assistant librarians.

13. The pastor, together with the officers and teachers of the Sundayschool, shall constitute a Sundayschool committee, of which the superintendent shall be chairman, and the secretary clerk.

14. The Sundayschool committee shall prepare annually a list of names for Sundayschool officers, except the Sundayschool superintendent. The list thus prepared shall be presented to the annual church meeting for approval and ratification, the church reserving to itself the right to make such changes in the list of names as it may deem needful. The persons thus appointed shall constitute the officers of the school for the ensuing year.

15. The Sunday-school committee shall also nominate for approval by the annual church meeting, a library committee, whose duty shall be to examine and propose to the Sundayschool committee a list or lists of such books as shall be deemed suitable for the library. The librarian shall always be a member of this committee.

16. The Sundayschool committee shall also select suitable helps for the study of the lessons for the ensuing year; shall draw on the treasurer to provide for the same; shall have full control of all the finances of the school, and shall be empowered to direct all its charities.

17. The annual meeting of the Sundayschool committee shall be held previous to the annual church meeting, and due notice of it shall be given both in the morning service and the Sundayschool. Special meetings of the committee may be called at the discretion of the pastor or superintendent.

18. Any of the above rules may be altered or annulled by a two thirds vote at any annual or special meeting, provided due notice of the proposed alteration or annulment be included in the call for the meeting.

HISTORICAL SUMMARY.

(In the preparation of this and other parts of the Manual the editor acknowledges indebtedness to Rev. S. C. Leonard for facts contained in a Memorail Sermon preached by him July 9, 1876.)

Seymour was originally known as "Chusetown," and this name appears on the town records as late as 1804; but it was soon changed to Humphreysville in honor of General David Humphreys. The latter name was retained until 1850, when the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut granted a charter for the incorporation of the town of Seymour.

The Congregational church was organized in 1789, and the frame of the first house of worship was probably raised in the month of April, 1791. It stood on land now occupied by the M. E. church. The second house of worship was begun in 1818, and completed about the year 1828, standing on the hill overlooking the river, where now is the old Congregational burying ground. The present building was erected in 1846, and dedicated on the 20th day of April, 1847, under the ministry of Rev. Wm. B. Curtiss.

The Sunday School can be traced back to the year 1828, and the names of those who have been its Superintendents, so far as they can be known, are: Joel White, Geo. F. DeForest, Andrew W. DeForest, Sharon Y. Beach, W. M. Tuttle, P. B. Buckingham, Geo. E. Lester, Robert C. Bell, Theodore S. Ladd, Andrew Y. Beach, James Swan, Wm. H. H. Wooster.

Repairs have been made from time to time on the present house of worship, and needed alterations effected. Under the prosperous ministry of Rev. S. C. Leonard, the lecture room was greatly improved, and pulpit furniture of suitable and tasteful design was purchased. In the year 1881, the project of a more thorough renovation of the entire church, both within and without, received liberal encouragement from the people. The sum of $2,000 was expended in repairs and decorations. Eight hundred dollars of this amount accrued from the faithful labors of the Ladies' Aid Society.

The church now possesses a most attractive audience room, with handsome carpets and cushions that harmonize with the prevailing color of the woodwork, which is olive brown; and behind the pulpit there are gothic arches forming three panels, appropriately lettered in gold. Below there is a well-furnished parlor, with kitchen and dining room adjacent, in which so-

cial gatherings are frequently held. As a means of promoting the social life of the church, not to mention more important results, such meetings have been most successful.

One of the former pastors, who was the immediate predecessor of the present incumbent, epitomizes the spiritual history of the church as follows:

The First period was twenty-seven years in length, from the beginning in 1789, to the assembly of the Council in 1817, for the purpose of effecting a reorganization. This may be characterized as the "storm and stress" season, when privations and trials were many, and brief sunshine alternated with ominous shadows. The second period covers the years that extend from the meeting of the Council in 1817, to the dedication of the present house of worship in 1847. A time of quiet, steady, persistent growth. The third period links to-day with the solemn hour of the dedicatory service, and it contains a fair record of hopes and promises fulfilled. The fourth period embraces the exhaustless possibilities of futurity.

This summary would not be complete without some reference to the parish library, founded by the generosity of one of the members of the church. As yet it is only a nucleus for the intellectual life of the parish, but the development of a reading habit cannot fail of contributing to the general well-being of the people. The books have been carefully selected; and, as a rule, are used with care. There is an abundance of good fiction, while the departments of history, travels, science, art, literature and poetry, are supplied with standard works.

STANDING RULES.

ADOPTED IN JULY, 1853.

I. No person shall be admitted a member of this Church by profession who does not give satisfactory evidence of vital piety, to such person or persons as shall be appointed for his or her religious examination ; and every candidate for admission shall stand propounded to the Church at least one week before said candidate shall be received.

II. All persons wishing to unite with us from neighboring Churches shall present their letters of dismission and recommendation at least two weeks before they are received.

III. Believing that the prosperity of the Church depends upon the faithfulness and piety of its members—therefore, the rule given in the 18th chapter of Matthew's Gospel, in all private offenses, is to be strictly observed —but in public offenses, the Church as a body, must proceed as they deem most expedient and compatible with the precepts and teachings of the Gospel.

IV. Every member of this Church shall be considered as under its watch and care, until regularly dismissed by a vote of the Church.

V. A Standing Committee of one or more persons shall be annually elected by the Church, whose duty it shall be to converse with any member or members of this Church who shall absent themselves from the Communion table for more than two successive seasons; unless said Committee shall know that the absentee has a good and sufficient reason for such absence. It shall also be the duty of this Committee to converse with and recommend persons who wish to unite with the Church.

VI. There shall be two Church meetings held annually, at such time and place as a majority of the members may designate, and all business coming before the Church at such meetings shall be determined by a majority of the votes of those present; and should the votes of the members be equally divided, the Chairman shall have a casting vote. The office of Chairman shall devolve upon the Pastor when present: if he is absent, upon the oldest Deacon ; but if no Deacon be present, then a chairman shall be duly elected by a majority of votes cast by those present.

CONFESSION OF FAITH.

ART. 1. You believe in the one, only, living and true God, existing in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, self-existent, eternal, and unchangeable,—who is Creator, Preserver, and Moral Governor, and that in whatsoever comes to pass man is always a free agent, and accountable for all his actions.

ART. 2. You believe that God created man upright, that he freely sinned, and unless renewed by the Spirit of Almighty God, must perish forever.

ART. 3. You believe that God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life, and that all men can repent and become heirs of salvation.

ART. 4. You believe that Jesus Christ, who is very God, and very Man, suffered and died on the cross; arose from the dead; ascended up into Heaven, and thus made atonement, not for our sins only, but for the sins of the whole world, and that all who are saved are justified through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

ART. 5. You believe that without the special influence or agency of the Holy Spirit, none will become heirs of eternal life, and that this influence is bestowed not as a reward of any merit on the part of him that receives it, but flows from the free and unmerited grace of God.

ART. 6. You believe that there will be a Resurrection of the dead, and a final Judgment, when the righteous will be received into Heaven and the wicked banished into everlasting punishment.

ART. 7. You believe that the Sacraments of the Christian Church are Baptism and the Lord's Supper, and that wherever the disciple of Christ associate themselves together for the administration of these ordinances, and for mutual edification and perfection in the faith, there is a Christian Church.

ART. 8. You believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Inspired Word of God, and the only perfect rule of faith and practice.

These things in the presence of Almighty God, and these witnesses, you solemnly profess to believe.

COVENANT.

You do now, in the presence of God and these assembled, as you hope, sincerely dedicate yourselves to God, in Christ, humbly confessing and forsaking your sins.

You publicly acknowledge the Lord Jehovah to be your God—the Lord Jesus Christ your Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit your Sanctifier.

You covenant and promise that you will endeavor, through the strength of divine grace, to live soberly and righteously, and godly, in the present world—setting forth a good example, both to those who are and to those who are not, of the household of faith.

You also covenant with this Church that, while a member of the same, you will walk with it in Christian fellowship and affection, and in due attendance upon all the institutions of Christ.

Thus you covenant and promise.

Then doth this Church promise to walk towards you in Christian watchfulness, charity and brotherly love.

MINISTERS SERVING.

From the year 1805 to the year 1817, a period when the Church was scattered, there are no complete records of pastoral service. Since the reorganization in 1817 the following names are found upon the books of the Church, chiefly of those who have ministered to the spiritual wants of the people for a term of twelve months or longer. About one half the entire number were regularly installed as pastors.

1789–1805—Rev. Benj. Beach.
1817–1825—Rev. Zephaniah Swift, Pastor of the Derby church, Rev. Bela Kellog, and others unknown.
1825–1827—Rev. Ephraim G. Swift.
1828–1833—Rev. Charles Thompson.
1833–1834—Rev. Rollin S. Stone.
1834–1842—Rev. John E. Bray.
1843–1849—Rev. Wm B. Curtiss.
1850–1852—Rev. E. B. Chamberlain.
1852–1855—Rev. J. E. Willard.
1857–1858—Rev. H. D. Northrop.
1859–1860—Rev. Elijah C. Baldwin.
1860–1861—Rev. Sylvester Hine.
1862–1864—Rev. John L. Mills.
1864–1865—Rev. Geo. A. Dickerman.
1865–1867—Rev. A. J. Quick.
1868–1869—Rev. Allen Clark.
1869–1870—Rev. H. P. Collin.
1871–1862—Rev. J. W. Fitch.
1872–1874—Rev. W. J. Thompson.
1874–1879—Rev. S. C. Leonard.
1879– —— Rev. F. S. Root.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Mrs. Sally White is the oldest living member of the Church, joining in the year 1817, and Mrs. H. P. Davis is the next oldest, uniting with the Church in the year 1826. The total period of their joint membership covers 123 years.

Since the beginning of the year 1881, when the system of monthly instead of quarterly contributions for benevolent purposes was instituted, the following sums have been collected for charities outside the Church and parish :

1881.		1882.	
New Haven Hospital	$ 16 00	New Haven Hospital	$ 21 25
Home Missionary Society	16 00	American Missionary Asso'n	14 63
Fund for Superanuated Ministers	16 00	American Bible Society	15 00
American Missionary Asso.	36 00	A. B. C. F. M.	15 24
State Temperance Society	13 63	Home Missionary Society	12 00
A. B. C. F. M.	17 75	Children's Aid Soc. N.Y. City,	15 00
Seaman's F. Society	8 63	Church in Manistee	14 00
Sufferers by Michigan Fires,	41 00	John Brown Steamer	14 00
American Tract Society	16 00	American Miss. Association	16 00
Garfield Memorial Hospital	21 00	Home Miss. Society, (Rev. C. W. Shelton)	72 00
2d Col. for Suff. by Mich. Fire	18 83	Childrens Aid Society	17 00
	$220 84		$226 12

(This does not include call for incidental Church expenses, or the sums distributed to the poor of the parish.)

1881 .... $220 84

Total $446 96

No contributions received in August.

There are about 100 families belonging strictly to this parish, most of them represented in the Sunday School.

On two occasions, at least, within the past four years, the attendance in the Sunday School has exceeded 200, very nearly completing the entire roll of members.

The Church has raised up for Christian labor one Minister, the Rev. Ira Smith, and one Missionary, the Rev. H. A. De Forest (class of 1832, Yale College), who was appointed to a field of work in Syria.

The regular services of the Church are as follows :

SUNDAY—Preaching at at 10.30; also at 7 in the evening. Sunday School at the close of the morning service; Prayer meeting at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and Teachers' meeting at 5.30.

Young People's Meeting Tuesday evening at 7.30.

Weekly Prayer Meeting of the Church Thursday evening at 7.30. The Parish Library is open when the service is ended.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is observed every alternate month.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

The subjoined list contains the names of all persons connected with the Church since its re-organization in 1817. The roll follows the chronological order preserved on the books of the Society, and no attempt has been made to verify the records beyond the necessary revision incident to the preparation of an accurate account of the present membership. In some instances, the persons named in the records have joined other churches, or they have made no reply to the repeated inquiries of this Church asking information in regard to residence and ecclesiastical relations generally. It was voted by this Church that such names should be erased from the roll.

[D, Dismissed. E, Excommunicated. *, Dead.]

1817.

Bradford Steele, *
Ruth Steele, *
Joel Beebe, *
Martha Beebe, *
Ira Smith, *
Rachel Smith, *
Mrs. Beecher Johnson, *
Mrs. J. S. Wheelher, *

Louis Holbrook, *
Mary Dibble, D
Isaac Chatfield, *
Ebenezer Umberfield, *
Anna Umberfield, *
Shelden Kinney, *
Medad Kinney *
Burr Steele, *
William Kinney, *

Nehemiah Botsford, *
Jonathan Bennet, D
Charles Benham, *
Hannah Bennett, D
Mrs. Anna Steele, *
Lucy Chatfield, *
Sally White,
Rebecca White, *

Abigail Grannis, *
Milly Kinney, *
Phebe Stiles, D
Rebecca Johnson *
Mrs. Sarah Mills, *
Mrs. Sarah Steele, *
Mrs. Paulina Baldwin, *
Mrs. Lydia Kenney. *

1819.

William Humphrey, E
Elihu Marvin, *
William Steele, D
William Kenney, Jr., *
Julia Grannis, *
Mrs. Anna Kenney, *
Polly French, *
Mrs. Lucinda Loveland, *
Mrs. Nancy Hotchkiss, *
Mrs Louis Smith, *
Mrs. Comfort Smith, *
Sarah Dean, *
Mrs. David Grannis, D
Mrs. Harriet Johnson, *
Maria Humphreys. E

1826.

Hiram Sedgwick, D
Mrs. Hiram Sedgwick, D
Mrs. Dotha De Forrest, *
Hiram Warner, D
Mrs. Hiram Warner, D
Caroline Smith, D
Mary A. Smith, D
Almira Steele. *

1828.

Mrs. A. Carrington, *
Mrs. Wm. Hine, *
Isaac J. Sperry, E
Mrs. Sperry, D
Adeline Sperry, *
Emeline Sperry, D
Sally Bliss, D
Olive Merriam, D
Mary Roberts, D
Abby L. Judson, D
Alice C. Judson, D
Sally Kinney, D
Anson Weston, *
Mrs. Hannah Thompson. *

1829.

Zephaniah Tucker, *
Mrs. Bethuah Tucker, *
Mrs. Susannah Peck, D
Mrs. Lucy Botsford, *
Mrs. Esther Osborne, D
Mrs. Maria Holbrook, *
Mrs. Anna Benham, *
Harriet Benham, *
Mrs. Lucinda Reynolds, *
Mrs. Olive Holbrook. *

1830.

Mrs. Nancy Thomlinson, D
Mrs. Jane Johnson, *
Polly Fenn, D
Betsy Lounsbury, D
Almira Tucker, D
Delia Reynolds,
Levi R. Lounsbury, D
Lucius Botsford, E
Benjamin Pardee, E
Aaron C. Persons, *
Chester Jones, D
Mrs. Sally Jones. *

1831.

Sheldon Hitchcock, D
Caroline Hitchcock, D
Lucius Hine, D
Mrs. Betsy M. Durand, *
Maria Jones, D
Julia Jones. D

1832.

Mrs. Adeline Clark, D
Lydia Riggs, D
Joel White, D
Emma White, D
Enos Smith,
Mrs. Smith, *
Mrs. Apamy Smith. *

1833.

Clarissa Benham. D

1835.

Mrs. Olive I. Parker, D
Lemuel Bliss, *
Marietta Jenks, *
James Broadwell, D
Mrs. Esther Kenney, *
Julia Reynolds, D
Elizabeth Northrop, D
Miranda Kenney, D
Esther Kenney, *
Lyman L. Loomer, D
Daniel Northrop. *

1836

Allen Umberfield, D
Ira Canfield, D
Roxana Canfield, D
Esther P. Bray. D

1837.

Antoinette Warner, E
Edmund Steele, *
David Johnson,
John White,*
Laura Benham. D

1838.

Sheldon Hitchcock, D
Caroline Hitchcock, D
John Sabin, *
John Thomas, *
Chester Jones, Jr., D
Horace Holbrook, D
Amos Smith, E
Mrs. Amos Smith, *
Lucy Stoddard, D
Mrs. Sarah Collins,
Sarah Hull, *
Augusta Radford. D

1839.

Alfred Hull, *
Sally Hull. *

1840.

Sophia Stoddard. D

1841.

Mrs. Sarah Hoppin, D
Avery Hall, D
Andrew W. DeForest, D
William Holbrook, D
Martha Burwell. D

1842.

Isaiah Tuthill, *
Mrs. Tuthill, *
George F. DeForest. *

1843.

William Hull, Erased.
Mrs. Emeline Bliss, *
Mary Broadwell, D.
Delia A. Kenny, *
Emeline A. Stuart, *
John W. Holcomb, *
Ransom I. Sperry, E
Mrs. Lucy Bassett, D
Oliver Nettleton, D
Mrs. Nettleton, D
Mrs. R. I. Sperry, *
Edwin A. Lum, D
Narissa Stiles. *

1844.

Henry Patterson, D
Mrs. Anna Curtiss, D

1845.

Miles Culver, *
Laura A. Culver, *
Lucretia S. DeForest, D
Samuel Davis, D
Caroline Davis. D

1846.

William Ellis, D
Martha Ellis, D
James Sedgwick, D

1847.

Joseph G. Reynolds, D
Mrs. J. G. Reynolds, D
Mrs. Maria A. Peck, D
James A. Stephens, *
Harriet Stephens. D

1848.

Catherine Bennett, D
Polly Sutton, *
Esther Canfield, *
Lucius Tuttle, *
Laura A. Tuttle, D
Eugenia Tuttle. D

1849.

Mrs. Mary Umberfield, *
Louisa Jones, D
Mrs. Eliza Bassett, *
Mrs. Eunice E. Bradley, D
James S. Lewis, D
Francis Bassett, D
Charles Durand. *

1850.

Albert J. Steele. D

1851.

Lowel Hatfield, *
Margaret Baird, D

Mrs. Abigail Hatfield, *
Roswell Kinney, Erased.
Nancy J. Kinney, *
Nancy Gillett, *
Mary Ann Chamberlain, D
George Smith, D
Mrs. Smith, D
Francis Perkins, *
George F. DeForest, D
Caroline E. DeForest. D

1852.

Stephen Ford, D
Mrs. Stephen Ford, D
William Ford, D
Lucinda Marshall, D
Mary Reniff, *
Frederick Wheelher, D
Mrs. Mygatt, D
George Sargeant, D
Willis Atwater, D
Mrs. Victorine Willard, D

1853.

Mrs. Sally Buckingham, D
Wallace M. Tuttle, D
Mrs. Cornelia Woodruff, D

1854.

Sheldon Sanford,
Mrs. Sheldon Sanford,
B. S. Lyman, D

1858.

Charles Bradley, *
Henry P. Davis,
Mrs. Emeline Reynolds, D
Mrs. Hannah Canfield,
Mrs. Mary Masterman, D
Mrs. Harriet E. Demmy,
Mrs. Emeline Ricks, Erased.
Mrs. Edward E. Holden, Erased.
Sarah L. Ormsbee, D
Harriet Atkinson, D
Mary Holcomb, D
George E. Lester,
Isaac B. Botsford, *
John D. Gabriel, D
Samuel Geddes, D
John W. Holcomb, D
Mrs. Grace E. Lester,
Mrs. Martha J. Johnson, D
Mrs. Wm. E. Losee,
Mrs. Josephine C. Botsford, D
Mrs. Martha J. Gabriel, D
Adelaide Canfield, D
Orilla E. Hurlburt,
Grace E. Botsford, Erased
Martha Botsford, D
Eunice Hawkins, D
Peter Worth, *
Ransom S. Reynolds, D
Mrs. Mary Worth.

1859.

Charles E. Gaylord, D
Mrs. C. E. Gaylord, D
Ransom Gaylord, D

1860.

Jas. L. Spencer,
Mrs. Jas. L. Spencer.

1861.

Mary A. Smith. *

1863.

Mrs. Allen Clark, D
Mrs. Augusta Lathrop, D
Mrs. A. H. Rider,
Mrs. Rabina White, D
Lucy Perkins, D

1864.

William P. Todd, D
Mrs. Martha F. Todd, *
Mrs. Lucy A. DeWolfe,
Huldah DeWolfe,
Harriet Hotchkiss.

1865.

Mrs. Julia A. French, *
Levi Lounsbury, D
Mrs. Julia Lounsbury, *

1866.

Mr. James Swan,
Mrs. Agnes Swan,
Mrs. Francis M. Quick, D
Mrs. Margaret C. Lounsbury, D
Mrs. Mary Shelton, D
Mrs. Sarah F. Castle, *
Herbert Lounsbury, D
Lottie Lounsbury, D
Francis Lounsbury, D
John Lounsbury, D
William Bell,
Mrs. Margaret Bell,
Mrs. Catharine Bell,
Miss Jessie Bell, *
Miss Wilhelmina Bell, *
Robert C. Bell, D
Andrew Sherman, D
Catharine C. Burwell,
Mrs. H. A. Radford.

1867

Theodore S. Ladd, D
Mrs. Lydia Sherman, D
John Whitney, D
Mrs. Mary Lockwood,
Mrs. Raymond French.

1868

Lauren Thrall, D
Joshua Kendall,
Rhoda Kendall, D
Amos White, D
Wilbur McEwen, D
Henry B. Beers, E
James Richardson, *
Charles F. Hard,
Emma Lockwood,
Ella French
Mrs. Ella Reynolds,
Eliza Bliss, *
Mrs. E. A. Robinson,
Hortie V. Swift,
Annie C. Davis, D
Rev. Allen Clark, D
Henry B. Lockwood,
Charles Sherman, Erased

Mrs. Andrew Sherman, D
Hattie M. Ford, Erased
Mrs. Jas. Richardson, Erased
Mrs. Chas. F. Hard, *
Mr. M. L. Raymond, D
Augusta Canfield,
Mrs. Augusta Hitchcock, Erased.
Mrs. Bell Raymond, D
Lillie Northrop, Erased
Mrs. William Fife, D
Mary Nast, D
Elizabeth E. Hard,
Mrs. Elizabeth C. Barr,
Mrs. Frederika Boker,
Rev. A. J. Quick, D
W. B. Nichols,
Edwin Segar, D
Catharine Segar, D
Mr. H. M. Richmond, D
Mrs. De Ette Fowler.

1869.

Mrs. Laura E. Northrop, D
David Williams, *
Roswell C. Canfield, *
Mrs. Roswell C. Canfield, *
Richard Evans,
Mrs. Bessie V. Scoville, D
Miss Sarah L. Blodgett,
Mrs. Sarah L. Bliss,
Mrs. Catharine A. Olmstead.

1870.

Mrs. Juliette B- Hull,
Mr. Joseph Myers, D
Mrs. Harriett Myers, D
William J. Barr,
Mrs. Nancy Barr, *
Noah Osborn,
Mrs. Mary A. Osborn,
William W. Lanyon, D
Rufus J. Spencer,
Mrs. Jennie E. Spencer,
Geo. A. Benedict, Erased
Mrs. Geo. A. Benedict, Erased.
Mrs. Sarah B. Lanyon, D
Miss Elizabeth C. Hill,
Mrs. Elizabeth C. Pierson.

1871.

Mrs. Phebe A. Hubbell, D
T. B. Minor. D.

1873.

Mrs. Wm. J. Thompson, D
Mrs. Daniel Simpson,
Charles Taylor, D
Mrs. Jane C. Taylor, D
Mrs. Jane C. Schofield, D
Emma E. Beach,
Margaret Smith,
Elizabeth O. Lockwood,
Mrs. Elizabeth A. Beach.

1874.

Mrs. Julia A. Thayer.

1875.

Mrs. S. C. Leonard, D
Helen E. Leonard, D
Andrew Barr,
Mrs. Jane H. Barr,
Mrs. Jane E. Losee,

1876.

Chas. B. Sheard, D
W. I. Warren,
Chas. J. Reynolds,
Miss M. Jessie Swan,
Miss Martha A. Osborn,
Mrs. Martha A. Dorman, D
Miss Sarah S. Osborn,
Mrs. Sarah S. Seeley, D
Mrs. Charlotte Hayman, D
Eliza M. Creelman,
Mrs. Eliza M. Crowther, D
Robert O. Weaver,
Mrs. Jane B. Weaver,
Frederika Quiering, D
Bertha E. Johnson, *
Mrs. Mary A. Hurlburt, *
Mary Emily Spencer,
Mrs. Mary E. Simpson,
Frank H. Wyant,
Walter W. Dorman,
Carrie L. Pickhardt, D
Mrs. Carrie L. Michaels,
Mary E. French, *
Lydia A. Hard,
Mrs. Lydia A. Sperry,
Ellen C. Hard,
Mrs. Ellen C. Curtiss,
Frank A. Smith, Erased.
Mrs. Annie E. Lyman,
Mary A. Hill,
Mrs. Sarah M. Lines,
Charles Frederick O'Meara,
Charlotte E. Booth,
Mary E. Booth,
Samuel W. Pollock.

1877.

Mary N. Creelman.
Mrs. Mary N. Peck.

1878.

Geo. S. Davis,
Mrs. Martha M. Davis,
Mrs. Maria M. Smith. *

1879.

Belle Lockwood,
Joseph E. Dupee,
Mrs. Nellie R. Dupee,
Mary Anthony,
Addie E. Rider,
Mrs. Susan Lyon,
Mrs. Mary C. Simpson.

1880.

Alice A. Johnson,
Mrs. Alice A. Thayer,
George A. Simpson,
Lillie E. Sperry,
Mrs. Lillie E. Treat,
Lucy S. Davis,
Mr. E. Llewellyn, Erased
Mrs. E. Llewellyn, Erased
William Morgan,
Mrs. Caroline Harris, D
Nellie M. Simpson,
Frank D. Sperry,
Chas. F. Warren,
Mrs. Sarah N. Popp,
Mrs. Abigail O'Meara,
Mrs. Rachel Morgan,
Mrs. Emma Halligan,
Leonard S. Harris,
Mrs. Mary Harris.

1881.

Jane Trolan,
Matilda Trolan, D
Willard D. Tucker, D
Mary E. Chamberlain,
Rev. F. S. Root,
Mrs. Henrietta B. Root,
Mrs. Amelia Davis,
Joseph Rees, D
Mrs. Elizabeth Roberts,
David Roberts.

1882.

Mrs. Lizzie M. Botsford,
Mr. James D. Corson,
Hannah Thomas,
Hugh Owen.
H. B. Treat.

1883.

Geo. E. O'Meara,
Thomas Williams,
Henry S. Parsons,
Mrs. Josephine E. Parsons,
Nellie W. Parsons.

The names enclosed in brackets designate one and the same person, The *second* title being the name assumed in marriage.

CATALOGUE OF MEMBERS FROM 1817 9
PRESENT MEMBERS 18

MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH,

MARCH, 1883.

In the following list, the relation of husband and wife, when both united with the church at the same communion, is indicated by a "brace." The date above the name indicates the year when that person was admitted to membership:

1817.
Mrs. Sally White.

1826.
Almira Davis, w. Henry P.

1829.
Mrs. Maria Holbrook.

1830.
Mrs. Delia Washburn.

1837.
David Johnson.

1838.
Mrs. Sarah Collins.

1854.
Sheldon Sanford, }
Annie M. Sanford. }

1858.
Henry P. Davis,
Mrs. Hannah Canfield,
Mrs. Harriet E. Denny,
Geo. E. Lester, }
Grace C. Lester, }
Orilla E. Hurlburt,
Mrs. Mary Worth,
Eliza J. Losee, w. Wm. E.

1860.
Jas. L. Spencer, }
Marion E. Spencer. }

1863.
Sophia Rider, w. Henry A.

1864.
Lucy A. DeWolfe, w. Alvah G.
Huldah DeWolfe,
Harriett Hotchkiss.

1866.
James Swan, }
Agnes Swan, }
William Bell,
Catharine Bell,
Catharine Radford, w. Horace A.

1867.
Mrs. Mary Lockwood, w. Chas. H.
Maria French, w. Raymond.

1868.
Chas. F. Hard,
Emma Lockwood,
Ella Reynolds, w. Chas. J.
Euphemia Robinson, w. George B.
Hortie V. Swift,
Henry B. Lockwood, New Britain.
Elizabeth C. Barr, w. Wm. J.
Mrs. Frederika Boeker,
William B. Nichols,
Mrs. DeEtte Fowler.

1869.
Mrs. Julia O. Canfield,
Richard Evans,
Sarah L. Bliss, w. Chas.
Mrs. Catharine A. Olmstead.

1870.
Juliette B. Hull, w. DeWitt C.
William J. Barr,
Noah Osborn, }
Mary A. Osborn, }
Rufus J. Spencer, }
Jennie E. Spencer, }
Geo. A. Benedict, }
Elizabeth L. Benedict, }

1870.

Elizabeth C. Pierson, w. Richard.

1873.

Mrs. Daniel Simpson,
Emeline E. Beach,
Margaret Smith,
Elizabeth O. Beach, w. Theodore B.

1874.

Julia A. Thayer, w. Benjamin B.

1875.

Andrew Barr,
Jane H. Barr,

1876.

Jane E. Losee, w. Isaac.
W. I. Warren.
Chas. J. Reynolds,
M. Jessie Swan,
Walter W. Dorman,
Martha A. Dorman,
Robert A. Weaver,
Jane B. Weaver,
Mary E. Simpson, w. William D.
Frank H. Wyant,
Lydia A. Sperry, w. Frank D.
Ellen C. Curtiss, w. Chas. H.
Mrs. Annie E. Lyman,
Mary A. Hill,
Mrs. Sarah M. Lines,
Chas. F. O'Meara,
Charlotte E. Booth,
Mary E. Booth,
Samuel W. Pollock,
Mary N. Peck, w. Edward.

1877.

Geo. S. Davis,
Martha M. Davis.

1879.

Belle Lockwood,
Joseph E. Dupee,
Nellie R. Dupee,
Mary Anthony,
Addie E. Rider,
Mrs. Susan Lyon,
Mary C. Simpson, w. Geo. Albert.

1880.

Alice A. Thayer, w. Chas. E.
George A. Simpson,
Lillie E. Treat, w. Henry B.
Lucy S. Davis, Bridgeport.
Nellie M. Simpson,
Frank D. Sperry,
Chas. F. Warren,
Sarah E. Popp, w. John N.
Mrs. Abigail O'Meara,
William Morgan,
Rachel Morgan, w. William.
Emma Halligan, w. Harvey S.
Leonard S. Harris,
Mary J. Harris.

1881.

Jane Trolan,
Mary E. Chamberlain,
F. S. Root,
Henrietta B. Root, w. Frederick S.
Mrs. Amelia Davis,
Mrs. Elizabeth Roberts,
David Roberts.

1882.

Lizzie M. Botsford,
James D. Corson,
Hannah Thomas,
Hugh Owen,
Henry B. Treat.

1883.

Geo. E. O'Meara,
Thomas Williams,
Henry S. Parsons,
Josephine E. Parsons,
Nellie W. Parsons.

SUMMARY.

Male members..... 37
Female members..... 80
Total..... 117

Removed to other places, 2.
Resident members, 115.
Nominal membership, 151.
Actual membership, 115.
Reduced by revision, 36.

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH.

Pastor.

REV. F. S. ROOT.

Deacons.

W. I. WARREN, E. A. LUM (Acting Deacon).

Clerk.

REV. F. S. ROOT.

Treasurer.

W. I. WARREN.

Standing Committee.

This Committee consists of the Pastor, Deacons and the following elective members:

JAMES SWAN,
L. S. HARRIS,
GEO. O'MEARA,
THOMAS WILLIAMS,
R. A. WEAVER,
Mrs. H. A. RADFORD,
Mrs. L. S. HARRIS,
Mrs. SARAH E. POPP,
Miss EMMA BEACH.

The work of the Standing Committee is apportioned among the following Sub-Committees:

Examining Committee.

JAMES SWAN, W. I. WARREN,
R. A. WEAVER.

Committee on Strangers.

E. A. LUM, THOMAS WILLIAMS,
Mrs. L. S. HARRIS, GEO. O'MEARA.

Committee on Sick and Poor.

Mrs. H. A. RADFORD, Miss EMMA BEACH,
Mrs. SARAH E. POPP.

Committee on Discipline.

W. I. WEAVER, JAMES SWAN,
L. S. HARRIS, R. A. WEAVER.

OFFICERS OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL SOCIETY.

Committee of the Society.

JAMES SWAN, S. D. BEACH,
W. I. WARREN.

Clerk.

T. B. BEACH.

Collector.

W. I. WARREN.

Ushers.

JESSE MAYNARD, HENRY B. TREAT,
OSCAR JOOS.

Sexton.

EDWARD SPENCER.

OFFICERS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendent.

W. H. WOOSTER.

Assistants.

W. I. WARREN, MRS. F. S. ROOT.

Secretary.

OSCAR JOOS.

Treasurer.

S. R. DEAN.

Librarians.

SAMUEL POLLOCK, BERTIE NORTHROP.

OFFICERS OF THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

President.

MRS. F. S. ROOT.

Vice-President.

MRS. L. S. HARRIS.

Secretary and Treasurer.

MISS EMMA LOCKWOOD.

Directresses.

MRS. RUFUS SPENCER,
MRS. S. R. DEAN,
MRS. FRED. HARRIS,
MRS. MARIA BARBOUR.

The following amendment to the Standing Rules was adopted at the Annual Meeting of the church, held April 12, 1883:

Members of this church who may reside elsewhere for a longer period than eighteen months, are expected to take letters of dismission. And if, upon being called to account for disregarding this rule, in such manner as the church may deem expedient, this requirement be further neglected, the church may, at its discretion, declare that members thus violating the rule are cut off from the fellowship of the church.

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SEYMOUR, CONN. JAN. 1, 1893.

THE SOCIETY.

Clerk, T. B. Beach.

Treasurer, C. J. Atwater.

Auditor, George O'Meara.

Collector, E. A. Lum.

Committee, H. M. Taylor, E. G. Wheeler, S. D. Beach.

At the last annual meeting of the Society the report of the building committee showed an expenditure for the enlargement of the church, of $2,945. 73, of which only $109.12 remained to be collected. This has since been paid.

The report of the treasurer showed the finances of the Society to be in excellent condition, with a balance in the treasury.

THE CHURCH.

Pastor, Rev. H. A. Campbell.

Clerk, William C. Sharpe.

Treasurer, Clifford J. Atwater.

Auditor, George O'Meara.

Deacons, Thomas Williams, Edwin A. Lum, Wm. B. Nichols, George O'Meara.

Prudential Committee, George F. Matthies, S. W. Buckingham, Harry H. Parsons, Mrs. H. A. Radford, Mrs. H. A. Campbell.

The statistics of this church as published in the Connecticut Minutes the past two years were as follows:

JAN. 1, 1891.

Number of members,	192
Added during previous year,	6
Removed,	5
Number of families,	228
Number in Sundayschool,	340
Average attendance in 1890,	205
Contributions for benevolent purposes,	$20.00
Parish expenses,	$4,564.00

JAN. 1, 1892.

Added during previous year,	4
Removed, by death, 1, by letter 2,	3
Number of members Jan. 1, 1892,	193
Number of families,	185
Number in Sundayschool,	283
Average attendance in 1891,	203
Parish expenses,	$1,446.03
Benevolent contributions,	$9.98

SUMMARY FOR JAN. 1, 1893.

Members received in 1892,	21
Members withdrawn in 1892,	5
Number of members Dec. 31, 1892,	209
Number of families connected with the church,	235

BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

1892.

To Home Missionary Society,	$5.00
To Cong. S. S. and Pub. Soc.,	16.37
To Conn. S. S. Association,	10.00
Box to School at Grand View, Tenn.,	10.00
Total,	$41.37

The following resolution was adopted Mar. 20th, 1890:

BE IT KNOWN, That the Seymour Congregational church, a church of Christ, located in the town of Seymour, state of Connecticut, does hereby, by a two-thirds vote of its adult members at a special meeting duly warned and held for that purpose,

become and constitute itself, with such individuals as may hereafter become associated with it, a corporation and body politic under the name of the Seymour Congregational church, by such name to have perpetual succession, with power to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, in all suits whatever, either at law and equity, to purchase, receive, use, mortgage and convey any and all estate, real and personal, necessary and proper for the purposes of religious corporations, and to have, possess and enjoy all the rights and privilege, and to be subject to all the duties possessed by and enjoined upon ecclesiatical societies by state laws, this action being taken according to chapter 53 Public Acts, 1889.

THE SUNDAYSCHOOL.

Superintendent, C. J. Atwater.
First Asst. Supt., E. W. Storrs.
2d Asst. Supt. Mrs. H. A. Campbell.
Treasurer, Samuel R. Dean.
Secretary, Sharon M. Beach.
Librarian, Ernest N. Taylor.
Asst. Librarian, Lewis C. McEwen.
Library Committee, Ernest N. Taylor, Mrs. H. A. Radford, Mrs. H. M. Barber and W. C. Sharpe.

Number.	Teacher.	No. of Scholars.
Class 1,	Miss Alice Dillon,	6
" 2,	H. H. Parsons,	13
" 3,	John A. Griffith,	3
" 4,	Miss Lizzie Lum,	6
" 5,	Miss Mary A. Hill,	6
" 6,	Rev. H. A. Campbell,	11
" 7,	Wm. C. Sharpe,	11
" 8,	Mrs. E. A. Lum,	5
" 9,	Mrs. S. R. Dean,	5
" 10,	Mrs. W. D. Ingersoll,	9
" 11,	Samuel R. Dean,	8
" 12,	George O'Meara,	6
" 13,	Miss Ella Williams,	7
" 14,	Miss Fannie McEwen,	3
" 15,	John G. Johns,	7
Class 16,	Miss Barbara Weber,	7
" 17,	Miss Mettie Rider,	8
" 18,	Mrs. F. A. Benedict,	6
" 19,	Thomas Williams,	7
" 20,	Mrs. S. D. Hubbell,	10
" 21,	Miss M. Jessie Swan,	7
" 22,	Miss Lizzie Evans,	8
" 23,	Charles Maybury,	10
" 24,	Mrs. H. A. Radford,	10
" 25,	Miss Belle Lockwood,	5
" 26,	Mrs. S. W. Buckingham,	4
" 27,	Mrs. T. B. Beach,	6
" 28,	Mrs. Maria Barber,	8
" 29,	Mrs. H. A. Campbell,	101
Number of scholars, Jan. 1, 1893,		303
Officers and teachers, - - -		32
Total, - - - -		335

REPORT OF TREASURER FOR 1892.

RECEIPTS.

Collections for general purposes, - - -	$158.21
Collection for picnic, - -	15 43
Collection at Easter Concert,	5.00
Total, - -	$195.03

EXPENDITURES.

For lesson quarterlies, - -	$74.17
Papers for Infant Class,	15.00
To Missionary Dept. - -	16.39
To Conn. S. S. Association,	10.00
Christmas expenditures, -	17.91
Incidentals, - - -	4.60
Picnic expenses, - - -	22.58
	$160.65
Balance in Treasury,	34.38
Total, - -	$195.03

SUPERINTENDENTS.

Joel White, 1828.
George F. DeForest.
Andrew W. DeForest.
Sharon Y. Beach.
W. N. Tuttle.
Philo B. Buckingham.
George E. Lester.
Sharon Y. Beach.
Andrew Y. Beach.
James Swan, Nov., '72, to April, 83.
Wm. H. H. Wooster, April, '83, to 85.
James Swan, Apr., '85, to Apr, '86.
Wilford I. Warren, Apr., '86, to '88.
Clifford J. Atwater, April, 1888.

THE Y. P. S. C. E.

OFFICERS.

President, Miss Ella Williams.
Vice-President, Charles Davis.
Rec. Sec'y, Miss Fannie McEwen.
Cor. Secretary, C. J. Atwater.
Treasurer, Miss Belle Lockwood.

COMMITTEES.

Lookout—Miss Mary A. Hill, Chairman; Miss Lizzie Evans, Miss Belle Lockwood, Charles Davis, C. J. Atwater.

Prayermeeting—H. H. Parsons, chairman; Geo. O'Meara, Miss Hannah Thomas, Miss Fannie McEwen, Miss Bessie Botsford.

Sundayschool—C. J. Atwater, chairman; H. H. Parsons, C. H. Davis, Miss Hannah Thomas, Miss Nellie Decker.

Social—Miss Fannie McEwen, chairman; C. H. Davis, Miss Bessie Botsford, Miss Ella Williams, Sharon Beach.

Missionary—Miss Eva VanVolkenburg, chairman; Miss Nellie Van Volkenburg, Miss Mary Hill, Miss Maggie Evans, Miss Belle Lockwood.

Floral—Miss Bessie Botsford, chairman; Miss Fannie McEwen, Miss Ella Williams, C. H. Davis, Ralph Beech.

The Ladies' Aid Society.

REPORT FOR 1892.

Balance in treasury Jan. 1, '92,	$151.25
Money earned, - - -	357.11
Total, - -	$508.36
Money expended,	$434.08
Balance,	74.28—$508.36

OFFICERS FOR 1893.

President, Mrs. Van Valkenberg.
1st Vice-Pr., Mrs. H. A. Campbell.
2d " Mrs. S. W. Buckingham.
Secretary, Mrs. W. D. Ingersoll.
Treasurer, Miss E. Lockwood.
Directresses, Mrs. A. Y. Beach, Mrs. V. H. McEwen, Mrs. W. L. Ward, Mrs. E. A. Lum, Mrs. W. C. Sharpe, Mrs. C. J. Atwater.
Collector, Mrs. W. D. Ingersoll.
Musical Director, Mrs. F. A. Benedict.

The Whatsoever Circle.

Which is under the direction of Mrs. Campbell, sent a barrel of goods valued at $10.00 to a school at Grand View, Tenn.

MINISTERS.

PASTORS OF A CENTURY.

Rev. Benjamin Beach, 1789—1805.
Rev. Zephaniah Swift, 1817—1825.
Rev. Ephraim G. Swift, 1825—1827.
Rev. Charles Thompson, 1828—1833.
Rev. Rollin S. Stone, Jun.'33, Aug.'34.
Rev. John E. Bray, 1834—1842.
Rev. William B. Curtiss, 1843—1849.
Rev. E. B. Chamberlain, 1850—1852.
Rev. J. E. Willard, 1852—1855.
Rev. H. D. Northrop, 1857—1858.
Rev. Elijah C. Baldwin, 1859—1860.
Rev. Sylvester Hine, 1860—1861.
Rev. John L. Mills, 1862—1864.
Rev. Geo. A. Dickerman, 1864—1865.
Rev. A. J. Quick, 1865—1867.
Rev. Allen Clark, 1868—1869.
Rev. H. P. Collin, 1869—1870.
Rev. J. W. Fitch, 1871—1872.
Rev. W. J. Thompson.
Rev. S. C. Leonard, 1374—1879.
Rev. F. S. Root, 1879—Nov. 18, '84.
Rev. F. J. Fairbanks,
April 30, '85, to March 4, '86.
Rev. T. E. Davies,
Oct. 24, '86, to March 31, '91.
Rev. H. A. Campbell, Jan. 1, '92.

DEACONS.

Bradford Steele, 1817 to 1840.
Nehemiah Botsford, 1817 to 1840.
Sheldon Kinney, 1840 to 1844.
Alfred Hull, Sept. 1840.
Andrew DeForest, 1844.
William Kinney, 1853.
Miles Culver, 1853.
Jas. L. Spencer, 1853.
Wallace M. Tuttle, 1858.
Charles Bradley, to Oct. 1868.
David Johnson, 1865.
Levi Lounsbury, 1865.
Joshua Kendall, Oct. '68 to Apr. '88.
W. I. Warren, Apr. '80 to Apr. '88.
E. A. Lum, Apr. '88 to Apr. '89.
Apr. 1890—
Thomas Thomas, Apr.'88 to Apr.'90.
Hungerford, Apr.'88 to Sept.'88.
Geo. E. O'Meara, Apr. '88—
E. R. Davis, Apr. '89 to Apr. '91.
Thomas Williams, Apr. 1890—
Wm. B. Nichols, Apr. 1891—

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SEYMOUR, CONN. APRIL, 1894.

Pastor: REV. HOLLIS A. CAMPBELL.

CHURCH SERVICES:

Sunday, 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Sundayschool after the morning service.

Y. P. S. C. E. meeting Sunday evening at 6 o'clock.

Prayermeeting Thursday evening at 7:30.

SACRAMENTS:

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is administered on the first Sabbath morning in Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept. and Nov.

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH:

DEACONS:

Edwin A. Lum, '94. Thomas Williams, '93.
Geo. E. O'Meara, '92. Wm. B. Nichols, '91.

Clerk, W. C. Sharpe.

Treasurer, C. J. Atwater.

Auditor, Geo. E. O'Meara.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE:

Edward R. Davis, William Harris,
S. W. Buckingham, Mrs. H. A. Campbell,
Mrs. H. A. Radford.

COMMITTEE TO VISIT THE SICK:

Wm. B. Nichols, Geo. O'Meara,
H. H. Parsons, Miss Vina Wheeler,
Miss Helen Williams, Mrs. J. N. Popp.

COMMITTEE TO WELCOME STRANGERS:

M. C. Keir, T. Thomas,
Mrs. V. H. McEwen, Miss Mary Hill.

PASTOR'S AID COMMITTEE:

Object—To induce men to attend divine services, particularly evening service.

A. Y. Beach, M. C. Keir,
Thomas Williams, Edward R. Davis,
H. H. Parsons.

The church work has progressed very favorably during the past year under the direction of the pastor, Rev. H. A. Campbell, and a very efficient corps of officers and committees who have all labored in harmony for the advancement of the cause of Christ. There has been a good growth in numbers and the finances of the church and society are in a favorable condition, as shown by the reports, of which a summary is given.

Twentyfive members were received during the year 1893, eight by letter and seventeen by profession: Mrs. Elizabeth C. Roberts, from Llanelly, Wales; Eugene Rosha, Miss Nellie Decker, Miss Lillie Doolittle, Frank A. Benedict, M. D., from Bethel, Ct.; Miss Clara F. Betts, Miss Harriett E. Chamberlin, Mr. and Mrs. Elias W. Davis, M. D., from Worcester, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jackson, Albert Swan, the Misses Nellie and Eva Van Valkenburg, Oliver Williams, Mrs. Josephine Woodbridge, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson A. Hall, from Guilford; Mrs. Mary E. Burgess, from Woodbridge; Mrs. L. H. Dillon, Mrs. James H. Bishop, Miss Ida Scribner, Miss Bessie Lawson, Mrs. Elizabeth Randell, Mrs. Nellie Searles.

There were nine removals by letter in 1893, Mrs. Alice A. Hungerford, Edwin T. Humphreys, Mrs. Ella J. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Roe, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Storrs, Mr. and Mrs. James D. Corson.

The whole number of members Jan. 1, 1894, was 225, a net gain of 16 during the year 1893. The number of families on the revised parish list is 260

The number of marriages at which the pastor officiated during the past year was 14, and the number of funerals 22.

REPORT OF CHURCH TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

Cash at begining of year	$27.64
Received from collections	38.22
Total	$65.86

PAYMENTS.

State conference tax	$ 8.36
Twenty copies Gospel Hymns	7.40
To Home Missions	11.00
Handbooks and incidentals	14.78
	$41.54
Balance in treasury	$24.32

BENEVOLENCE.

To a Nevada Sunday-school, Apr. 2, '93	$7.00
S. S. to Conn. S. S. Assoc'n	10.00
Three Sisters Mite Box, Jan. 28, '94	36
To Home Missions, Jan. 28 1894	11.00
Ladies Aid Soc'y to Home Missions	25.00
Y. P. S. C. E. to Home Missions	1 25
To Education Society, Feb. 5, '94	5.00
	$59.61

In addition to the above there have been liberal contributions for the needy. The donors are known to Him who "loveth a cheerful giver."

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY:

Clerk, T. B. Beach.
Treasurer, C. J. Atwater.
Society's Committee, M. C. Keir, E. G. Wheeler, V. H. McEwen.
Collector, E. A. Lum.
Auditor, W. C. Sharpe.
Tythingmen, E. G. Wheeler, S. W. Buckingham, Geo. Hurlburt.
Ushers, Oliver Williams, Lewis McEwen.
Special agent for the cemetery, C. J. Atwater.
Sexton, J. W. Bassett.

REPORT OF SOCIETY TREASURER,

APRIL 20, 1894.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand at beginning of year	$30.59
Sliprents	1347.33
Collections	174 00
From Germans for use of church	96.00
Avails of concert given by choir	32.50
From the W. R. C., use of church	5.00
	$1685.42

EXPENDITURES.

Pastor's Salary	$1000.00
Pulpit supply in summer	14.50
Music	361.73
Janitor	150.00
Coal	31.80
Repairs and painting roof	63.21
Other expenses	53.68
	$1674.92

THE SUNDAYSCHOOL.

Superintendent, C. J. Atwater.

First Assistant Supt., M. C. Keir.

Second Assistant Supt., W. C. Sharpe.

Treasurer, S. R. Dean.

Secretary, S. M. Beach.

Librarian, E. N. Taylor.

Book Committee, E. N. Taylor, Chairman, Mrs. Radford, Mrs. Barber, W. C. Sharpe.

Class.	Teacher.	No. of Scholars.
No. 1,	Miss Alice Dillon	4
" 2,	Mrs. C. P. Woodbridge	5
" 3,	Mr. Wm. Harris	5
" 4,	Miss Lizzie Lum	5
" 5,	Miss Mary A. Hill	6
" 6,	Miss Laura Perthes	10
" 7,	Miss Fannie McEwen	9
" 8,	Mrs. S. R. Dean	4
" 9,	Miss Hannah Thomas	6
" 10,	Mrs. W. D. Ingersoll	5
" 11,	Mr. S. R. Dean	6
" 12,	Rev. H. A. Campbell	11
" 13,	Miss Ella Williams	6
" 14,	Mr. M. C. Keir	9
" 15,	Miss Barbara Weber	10
" 16,	Miss Mettie S. Rider	6
" 17,	Miss Clara Nichols	7
" 18,	Miss H. L. Wheeler	9
" 19,	Miss Lulu Carrington	9
" 20,	Mr. Oliver Williams	6
" 21,	Mrs. H. A. Radford	14
" 22,	Mr. Harry Parsons	12
" 23,	Mr. Geo. O'Meara	5
" 24,	Mrs. S. W. Buckingham	9
" 25,	Mr. Thomas Williams	6
" 26,	Mrs. Maria Barber	8
" 27,	Infant class, Mrs. H. A. Campbell	81
" 28,	Mr. W. B. Nichols	5

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY,

Jan. 1st, 1893, to Jan. 1st, 1894.

Average attendance, 50 Sundays	199 7/50
Average attendance, 49 Sundays	202
Whole number of scholars Jan. 1, 1894	278
Number of officers and teachers	34
Whole number enrolled	312
Average attendance in Mar., '94	232
Largest number, Mar. 25, '94	251
Smallest number, Dec. 3, '93	59

REPORT OF THE TREASURER,

Jan. 1st, 1893. to Jan. 1st, 1894.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1893	$ 56.41
Receipts during the year	214.98
	$271.39

EXPENSES.

Lesson papers, etc., for the infant class	$47.37
Music, etc., for four concerts	18 36
Picnic expenses	23.37
Quarterlies and record books	80.19
Table for library	4.60
To Conn. S. S. Association	10.00
For the Boys' Brigade	52.08
Cornet $13.50, Sundries $2.08	15.58
	$251.55
Balance in the treasury Dec. 31, '93	19.84
Total	$271.39

A PLEASANT MEMORY.

The membership of classes in the Sundayschool is of necessity continually changing. New members come in and new classes are formed, while others, once regular in attendance, are seen there no more. In the older classes there is more change than in the younger ones. Some scholars have become teachers and others have removed to new homes at a distance One class which numbered eight scholars has disappeared. Six of its members are now out of town, one is a teacher, two are away at school, the home of one is in Bethany, of another in Torrington The names of all but one are on the records of this and other churches. The Sabbath noons when the class met regularly for about two years will will always be a pleasant memory to the teacher, and it may be hoped of the scholars also, and that all may be the better for the study of the scriptures during those two years.

THE PARISH LIBRARY.

Number of volumes, 333.

Librarian, Miss Ella Williams.

Open on Thursday evenings after the prayer-meeting.

THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

President, Mrs. H. A. Campbell.

1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. W. D. Ingersoll.

2d Vice-Pres., Mrs. S. W. Buckingham.

Secretary, Mrs. V. H. McEwen.

Treasurer, Miss Emma Lockwood.

Directors, Mrs. Van Valkenburg, Mrs. T. B. Beach, Mrs. S. R. Dean, Mrs. W. C. Sharpe, Mrs. W. A. Baldwin, Mrs. A. Y. Beach.

Collector, Miss Emma Beach.

Musical Directors and Entertainment Committee, Miss Nellie Buckley, Miss Ella Williams, Miss Fannie McEwen, Albert U. Smith, Charles Davis.

Mrs. H. A. Campbell, as president of this society, has been indefatigable in planning and arranging for the society and her efforts have been heartily seconded by the ladies of the society, and the results have been even better than at first suspected. The ladies met only once a month during the winter, but the meetings have been well attended and the interest increasing. The line of work has been much in the usual order, doing that which our hands find to do for the interest of church work and progress.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER,

From Apr. 1, 1893, to Apr. 1, 1894.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury Apr. 1,1893...	$5.50
Number of teas given, 6.	
Receipts from teas.....	95.00
Number of sales, 2.	
Receipts from sales	42.70
Money collected and membership fees.....	9.21
Total.....	$152.41

PAYMENTS.

General expenditures.....	$21.61
Donation to Home Miss'ry Society	25.00
Amount deposited .....?.....	103.00
Balance in treasury	2.80
Total.....	$152.41

Amount on deposit to date, $198.87.

BOYS' BRIGADE.

ORGANIZED JUNE, 1893.

Object—The object of this company is the advancement of Christ's Kingdom among boys, and the promotion of habits of reverence, discipline, self-respect and all that tends toward true Christian manliness.

OFFICERS:

Captain, William Harris.
First Lieutenant, J. F. Otto.
Second Lieutenant, Oliver M. Williams.

MEMBERSHIP:

First Division.....	26
Second Division	19
Total.....	45

Business Manager, M. C. Keir.

Drill on Tuesday evenings.

Religious service held each week; conducted by the Pastor.

This department of church work has been originated and organized by M. C. Keir, whose admirable management has made it a gratifying success.

MISSION WORKERS.

President, Miss H. Helen Williams.
Vice-President, Miss Maud Botsford.
Sec'y and Treas., Miss Susie Williams.
Number of members, 15.
Total benevolence, $7.75.

The object of this society is to help the poor of our church.

THE WHATSOEVER CIRCLE.

President, Mrs. H. A. Campbell.
Secretary, Miss Annie Dunham.
Treasurer, Miss Minnie Cotter.
Membership, 9.

Contributed for repairs in church parlor, $5.00.

THE Y. P. S. C. E.

OFFICERS:

President, Miss Mary A. Hill.
Vice-President, Harry H. Parsons.
Recording Sec'y, Miss Bessie Botsford.
Treasurer, George E. O'Meara.
Corresponding Secretary, C. J. Atwater.

COMMITTEES:

Lookout—H. Helen Williams, chairman; Mary A. Hill, Harriet A. Barber, C. J. Atwater, Oliver M. Williams.

Prayermeeting — Fannie L. McEwen, chairman; Bessie M. Botsford, Ida Scribner, Harry H. Parsons, Geo. E. O'Meara.

Social—Nellie M. Buckley, chairman; H. Helen Williams, Fannie L. McEwen, Vinie H. Wheeler, Oliver M. Williams.

Sick-Visiting—Lillie I. Doolittle, chairman; Mary A. Hill, Hannah Thomas, Mabel Beach, Harry H. Parsons.

Floral — Hannah Thomas, chairman; Katie Myers, Laura Perthes, Annie Barr, Mamie Evans.

Sundayschool—Clifford J. Atwater, chairman; Belle E. Lockwood, Vinie H. Wheeler, Hattie Chamberlin, Geo. E. O'Meara.

During the past year this society has given to the church the chairs in the gallery at a cost of $70, and the collection plates. We have held a number of entertainments and suppers during the winter, and have given something toward missionary work in the way of money and clothing. We now have 31 active, 32 associate and 4 honorary members, making a membership of 67. The meetings are held every Sunday afternoon at six o'clock.

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SEYMOUR, CONN. APRIL, 1895.

Seymour Congregational Church,

ORGANIZED NOV. 3, 1789.

REV. HOLLIS A. CAMPBELL, PASTOR.

CHURCH SERVICES:

Sunday, 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Sundayschool after the morning service.

Y. P. S. C. E. meeting Sunday evening at 6 o'clock.

Prayermeeting Thursday evening at 7:30.

SACRAMENTS:

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is administered on the first Sabbath morning in Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept. and Nov.

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH:

DEACONS:

Geo. E. O'Meara,'92. Thomas Williams,'93.
Edwin A. Lum, '94. W. C. Sharpe, '95.

Clerk, W. C. Sharpe.

Treasurer, C. J. Atwater.

Auditor, Geo. E. O'Meara.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE:

Mrs. H. A. Campbell, Mrs. H. A. Radford,
Edward R. Davis, S. W. Buckingham,
G. W. French.

The number of members received since the last annual meeting has been 14, the number of withdrawals by letter 2, and there has been one death, leaving a net gain of 11 and making a total membership of 236.

The number of marriages solemnized by the pastor since Jan. 1, 1894, was 14; number of funerals attended, 19.

The number of baptisms was 11, viz, 1 adult, 10 infants and children. The number from the Sundayschool who united with the church was two. Number removed in 1894, 6. Number of families, 260.

The members received in 1894 were—

Mar. 4, Miss Bessie May Botsford.

May 6, Mrs. Hattie Bronson, Miss Lula Carrington.

Sept. 2, Mr. J. W. DeForest.

Nov. 4, Mrs. Ann Edwards, David John Edwards, Miss Lena Edwards, Mrs. S. R. Dean, Miss Iva E. Sharpe.

Jan. 6, 1895, Mr. Geo. W. French, Mrs. Sarah L. French, Miss Helena Alice Culver, Miss Clara Louise Camp, Miss Laura Selma Perthes.

DIED.

In August, 1894, Mrs. Alice A. (Johnson) Thayer, received into membership Jan. 11, 1880.

REPORT OF CHURCH FINANCES.

FOR YEAR ENDING APR. 20, 1895.

C. J. Atwater, Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

Cash at beginning of year	$24.32
Received from collections	43.32
Total	$67.64

PAYMENTS.

State conference tax	$ 8.36
To Naugatuck Valley conference	3.68
Handbooks and annuals	6.00
American Missionary Association	12.66
Foreign Missionary Society	4.00
Balance in treasury	32.94
Total	$67.64

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

Clerk, T. B. Beach.

Society's Committee, V. H. McEwen, E. G. Wheeler, S. D. Beach.

Treasurer, C. J. Atwater.

Collector, E. A. Lum.

Auditor, W. C. Sharpe.

Tythingmen, E. G. Wheeler, George Hurlburt.

REPORT OF SOCIETY FINANCES,

FOR YEAR ENDING APR. 20, 1895.

C. J. Atwater, Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury Apr. 20, '94...	$10.49
Sliprents	1148.10
Collections	168.50
Rent from Lutherans	47.00
Contribution by Rev. H. A. Campbell	30.84
Borrowed	250.00
Total	$1654.43

EXPENDITURES.

Bills made before Apr. 1, 1894—Singing $54.00, Coal $28.10...	$82.10
Paid orders for playing organ	110.00
Pastor's salary	1000.00
Janitor	150.00
Blowing organ	13.50
For singing	174.50
Incidentals	106.99
Total	$1637.09
Balance on hand	17.34
Total	$1654.43

OUTSTANDING ORDERS.

Music $46, Coal $17, Collecting $31.05, Oil $12.23, Incidentals $1.50—$107.88.

Estimated, (orders not drawn,) music, $42.00.

REPORT OF SLIPRENTS.

E. A. Lum, Collector.

Sales of Slips, May 1, 1894, to May 1, 1895	$1251.40
Collected on 1894-5	$1014.10
Collected on previous years	235.86
Total	$1249.96
Amount outstanding, 1894-5	$237.30
Do. on previous years	122.00
Total	$359.30
Pd. Treasurer before annual meeting	$1148.10
" " since " "	101 86
Total	$1249.96

THE SUNDAYSCHOOL.

Superintendent, C. J. Atwater.

First Assistant Supt , M. C. Keir.

Second Assistant Supt., W. C. Sharpe.

Secretary, Ralph Beach.

Treasurer, S. R. Dean.

Librarian, E. N. Taylor.

Book Committee, E. N. Taylor, Chairman, Mrs. Radford, Mrs. Barber, W. C. Sharpe.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY,

Jan. 1st, 1894, to Jan. 1st, 1895.

Average attendance	200¼
Whole number of scholars Jan. 1,'95	254
Number of officers and teachers	33
Whole number enrolled	287

REPORT OF THE TREASURER,

Apr. 1st, 1894, to Apr. 1st, 1895.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Apr. 1, 1894	$19.27
Receipts to Apr. 1, 1895	153.88
Total	$173.15

EXPENSES.

Cards and papers for infant class..	$20.75
Christmas entertainment	19.35
Bibles	3.40
Concert exercises in May	6 85
Quarterlies, July 17th	42.58
Picnic expenses, Aug. 4th	10 88
Quarterlies, Dec. 25th	20.77
Christmas concert exercises	4.00
Cards, Christmas greens, etc.	9.56
Total	$138.14
Balance on hand	35.01
Total	$173.15

REPORT OF BOOK CLUB.

(MRS. RADFORD'S SUNDAYSCHOOL CLASS.)

Mrs. H. M. Barber, Secretary.

In '89 we gave	$12.04	and bought	13	book s	
" '90	" 17.50	"	17	"	
" '91	" 18.50	"	18	"	
" '92	" 19.20	"	20	"	
" '93	" 16.50	"	16	"	
" '94	" 18.27	"	20	"	

Total amount given, $102.01. Total number of books bought, 104, 75 of which have already been presented to the Sunday school Library.

THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

President, Mrs. V. H. McEwen.

Vice-Presidents, Mrs. W. D. Ingersoll. Mrs. S. W. Buckingham.

Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. H. A. Campbell.

Collector, Miss Hattie Barber.

Directresses, Mrs. T. B. Beach, Mrs. S. R. Dean, Mrs. W. C. Sharpe, Mrs. W. A. Baldwin, Mrs. A. Y. Beach, Mrs. S. D. Beach.

Entertainment Committee, Miss Nellie Buckley, Miss Elia Williams, Miss Kate Spencer, Miss Fannie McEwen, Miss Hattie Barber, A. U. Smith, Oliver Williams.

Report of the Treasurer.

From Apr. 1, 1894, to Apr. 1, 1895.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury Apr. 1, '94	$ .01
Number of teas given, 7, receipts.	89.57
Number of sales, 4, receipts.....	27.74
Money collected, membership fees	6 75
One dinner, receipts.....	3.75
Work paid for.....	.75
One concert, Mar. 29, receipts.....	11.25
Carpet money collected.....	9 00
Total.....	$147 82

PAYMENTS.

General expenditures	$35.26
Money deposited.....	111.91
Balance in treasury	.65
Total.....	$147.82
Amount on deposit to date.....	$219.19

Jan. 9, two barrels sent to Nebraska sufferers, valued at $40.

Besides these barrels being sent there has been charitable work done by the society, which cannot be valued in dollars and cents.

Our president, Mrs. W. D. Ingersoll, has been very faithful in her labors for the promotion of the society, and she has been ably assisted by the officers and members of the society.

Much work has been accomplished and a good spirit manifestly prevailed.

Mrs. H. A. Campbell,
Secretary and Treasurer pro tem.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE.

J. F. Otto, Captain.

M. C. Keir, Executive Committee.

OBJECT.

The object of the Boys' Brigade is the advancement of Christ's Kingdom among boys and the promotion of the habits of reverence, obedience, discipline, self-respect, and all that tends toward a true Christian manliness.

PLEDGE.

I promise and pledge that so long as I am a member of the Boys' Brigade I will not use tobacco, nor intoxicating liquor in any form; that I will not use profane nor vulgar language; that I will obey faithfully the company rules, and that I will at all times set an example of good conduct to my comrades and other boys.

THE HOME MISSION CIRCLE.

Organized Oct. 20, 1894.

President, Miss Barbara S. Weber.

Vice-President, Miss Hattie A. Barber.

Sec'y and Treas., Miss Lula Carrington.

Directresses, Miss H. Helen Williams, Miss Emma A. Weber, Miss Bessie Botsford, Mrs. C. J. Atwater, Miss Jessie Carrington.

The Circle now numbers fiftytwo members. At Christmas the Circle gave to each of four needy families food to the amount of $1.90..... $7.60
Clothing and supplies to six families. 24.05

Amount.....	$31.65
Cash in treasury	6.92
Total.....	$38.57

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAR. 31, 1895.

Miss Bessie Botsford, Secretary.

The membership of the society is 74, of which 34 are associate and 40 active. During the past year 14 associate members and 22 active members have been added to the roll. Of the 22 active members nine were previously associate members.

The society has given $9.05 for missionary work and at Christmas distributed 125

packages among the poor; and two boxes have been sent to the Nebraska sufferers.

The windows of the church parlor have also been recurtained by the society.

The amount in the treasury is $34.50.

A Junior Endeavor has been formed, with Miss Barber as Superintendent.

Numerous socials have been held of which were a strawberry tea, a pound social, a social for the associate members, and an illustrated lecture.

THE ORIGINAL ORGANIZATION.

An old manuscript preserved in the records of the town of Derby, which formerly included what is now Seymour, gives the date of organization and the names of the twentysix members of the original Congregational Society as organized here a hundred and five years ago last November. This document is as follows:

DERBY, November 3d, A. D., 1789.

This may sertify all whom it may concern, that the subscribers have joined and paid towards the support of the Gospel at the Congregational Society, in Derby, near Bladen Brook, and mean for the future to support the Gospel there:

Capt Timothy Baldwin,
Asahel Johnson,
Gideon Johnson,
Capt. Bradford Steel,
Elisha Steel,
Isaac Baldwin,
Ebr. Turel Whitmore,
Amos Hine,
Bradford Steel, Jr.,
Medad Keney,
Hezekiah Wodin,
John Adye,
Ashbel Loveland,
Truman Loveland,
Ebenezer Warner,
Leveret Pritchard,
Levi Tomlinson,
John Coe,
Elven. Beacher Johnson,
Nathan Wheler,
Bezalel Peck,
Frances Forque,
Joseph Loines,
Moses Clark,
Philo Hinman,
Thomas Hotchkis.

Sertifyed by me, LEVI TOMLINSON, Society Clerk.

Two names should be added to the list of deacons published on the last page of the Annual for 1893. These are Capt. Timothy Baldwin and Levi Tomlinson. Capt. Timothy Baldwin, appointed in 1789, was mentioned by Rev. S. C. Leonard in his historical sermon delivered July 9, 1876. (See History of Seymour, page 16.) Capt. Timothy Baldwin was born Dec. 15, 1722, and was therefore in his 67th year when appointed deacon. He was one of the leaders in the various measures taken by the town of Derby to advance the cause of the patriot army in Revolutionary times and his name heads the list of those who organized the Congregational society here in 1789. Deacon Levi Tomlinson lived in the house recently known as the Dr. Abiram Stoddard place, which was burned last year.

A LEAF FROM THE OLD RECORDS.

SOCIETY COMMITTEES.

1825, Sheldon Hine, John H. DeForest, Wm. Humphreys, Hiram Sedgwick, Charles Benham.
1826, John H. DeForest, Daniel White, Deacon Botsford.
1827, John H. DeForest, Hiram Warner, Sheldon Kinney, Wm. Humphreys, Titus C Pratt.
1828, Nehemiah Botsford, Daniel White, Bradford Steel, Hiram Warner, John H. De Forest, Sheldon Kinney.
1829, No record.
1830, J. H. DeForest, Aaron C. Parsons, Nehemiah Botsford, Hiram Warner.
1831, Wm. Kinney, Daniel White, Nehemiah Botsford. Hiram Upson, Chester Jones.
1832, J. H. DeForest, Esq, Sheldon Kinney, Newton Clark.
1833, Nehemiah Botsford, Daniel White, Joel White.
1834, Enos Smith, Hiram Upson, Joel White, Wm. Kinney, Jr.
1835, Joel White, Alfred Blackman, Esq., Wm. Kinney, Jr., Albert J. Steele, Daniel White.
1836, Hiram Upson, Albert J. Steele, Lemuel Bliss, Sheldon Kinney, Joel White.
1837, Allen Umberfield, Hiram Upson, Chester Jones, Sheldon Kinney, Moses Andrews.
1838, Sheldon Kinney, Hiram Upson, Amos Smith, Joel White, Allen Umberfield.
1839, Sheldon Kinney, Hiram Upson, Amos Smith, Wm. Kinney, Jr.
1840, Amos Smith, Alfred Blackman, Sheldon Kinney, John White, Alfred Hull.
1841, Alfred Blackman, Alfred Hull, Albert J. Steele, Hiram Upson.
1842, Alfred Blackman, Sheldon Kinney, Alfred Hull.
1843, Geo F. DeForest, Sheldon Kinney, Chester Jones
1844, Sheldon Kinney, Jeremiah Durand, Andrew W. DeForest.
1845, Andrew W. DeForest, John J. Rider, Hiram Upson.
1846, A. J. Steele, J. J. Rider, L. Bliss.

Congregational Annual.

SEYMOUR, CONN. JANUARY, 1896.

Seymour Congregational Church,

ORGANIZED NOV. 3, 1789.

REV. HOLLIS A. CAMPBELL, PASTOR.

CHURCH SERVICES:

Sunday, 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Sundayschool after the morning service

Y. P. S. C. E. meeting Sunday evening at 6 o'clock.

Prayermeeting Thursday evening at 7:30.

SACRAMENTS:

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is administered on the first Sabbath morning in Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept. and Nov.

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH:

DEACONS:

Thomas Williams, term expires in 1897.
Edwin A. Lum, term expires in 1898.
Edward R. Davis, term expires in 1899.
Geo. E. O'Meara, term expires in 1900.

Clerk, W. C. Sharpe.
Treasurer, C. J. Atwater.
Auditor, Geo. E. O'Meara.

Number of members Jan. 1, 1895		228
Received on profession in 1895		5
Received by letter in 1895		1
Total		234
Removed by letter	2	
Died	1	3
Number of members Jan. 1, 1896		231

There are about 30 non-resident members.

The number of marriages solemnized by the pastor in 1895 was 9, number of funerals attended, 14.

The number of baptisms was 9, viz, 5 adults, 4 infants. The number from the Sundayschool who united with the church was three.

The members received in 1895 were—

Jan. 6, George W. French, Mrs. Laura L. French, Miss Helena Alice Culver, Miss Clara Louise Camp, Miss Laura Selma Perthes.

Nov. 3, Mrs. Edith P. Hodge.

DIED.

Mrs. Sarah Botsford Collins, united with the church July 1, 1838; died Dec. 2, 1895.

REPORT OF CHURCH FINANCES

3-4 YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1895.

C. J. Atwater, Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

Cash Apr. 1, 1895	$32.94
Received from four collections	24.73
Collection for American Home Missionary Society	26.23
Total	$83.90

PAYMENTS.

Printing Church Annuals	$4.50
Printing Standing Rules	3.50
Repairing chairs	9.00
Dues to State Conference	10.12
Am. Home Missionary Society	26.23
1 doz. Gospel Hymns	4.20
Other expenses	5.50
Total	$63.05
Balance on hand	20.85
	$83.90

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY:

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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY,

Jan. 1st, 1895, to Jan. 1st, 1896.

Average attendance	180
Whole number of scholars Jan. 1,'96	288
Number of officers and teachers	33
Whole number enrolled	321
Largest attendance, Dec. 22	234
Smallest attendance, June 30	67
Average attendance in December	223

REPORT OF THE TREASURER,

Jan. 1st, 1895, to Jan. 1st, 1896.

RECEIPTS.

Collections in Sundayschool	$173.09
Y.P.S.C.E. contribution for libr'y	5.00
Church " "	12.80
Junior Y. P. S. C. E. "	5.00
Mrs. C. C. Radford "	25.00
Total	$220.89

EXPENDITURES.

Bibles and cards for infant class	$5.26
Christmas decorations	.75
Picnic expenses	10.47
Library and collection cards	7.61
Conn. Sundayschool Association	5.00
Papers for infant class	15.00
Concert Exercises, &c	5.55
Christmas ent. for infant class	20.17
Quarterlies for 1895	85.54
Total	$155.35
Balance in treasury	65.54
	$220.89

The annual Sundayschool picnic was held at Merwin's Point Aug. 16th. There was a large attendance and a very enjoyable occasion. The committee of arrangements were Mrs. S. R. Dean, Mrs. T. B. Beach, M. C. Keir, R. S. Beach and W. C. Sharpe.

REPORT OF BOOK CLUB.

(MRS. RADFORD'S SUNDAYSCHOOL CLASS.)

Mrs. H. M. Barber, Secretary.

In 1895 we gave $19.24 and bought 21 books.

THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

A great amount of work was done by the Society last year. In the spring the auditorium was carpeted at a cost of $198.93; eighteen cushions were provided for the remaining pews at a cost of $69.30; and matting was laid in the vestibule at a cost of $16.14; making a total of $284.37. The larger part of this amount was paid from funds previously earned by the Society and the balance was made up by a subscription circulated by the ladies.

At the annual meeting of the Society held Oct. 9th, the following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. A. B. Dunham.

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Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. W. A. Adams.

Musical directress, Mrs. T. B. Beach.

Directresses, Mrs. S. R. Dean, Mrs. W. A. Baldwin, Mrs. A. Y. Beach, Mrs. S. D. Beach, Mrs. V. H. McEwen.

Three teas, each followed by musical and literary entertainments, were given before Dec. 31st, netting $31.94, of which $3.75 was paid for sweeping the church.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

At the semi-annual meeting held Oct. 8th Miss H. Helen Williams was elected delegate to the State Convention of the Y. P. S. C. E., held in Middletown Oct. 22d and 23d, and the following officers and committees were elected:

President, Miss Ada Wildes.

Vice President, Richard R. Pearson.

Secretary, Miss Edith Reynolds.

Treasurer, Miss Lena A. Culver.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES:

Lookout, Miss Hannah Thomas.

Prayermeeting, Miss Iva E. Sharpe.

Social, O. M. Williams.

Floral, Mrs. H. A. May.

Sundayschool, C. J. Atwater.

Temperance, Geo. O'Meara.

Sick Visiting, Miss Mary A. Hill.

The paid choir having been dispensed with on account of the necessity of reducing expenses, the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor came to the rescue nobly and on Sunday morning, May 5th, sang for the first time as a chorus choir, numbering twelve voices, and acquitted themselves admirably. They have since then attended to this important part of the church service and deserve great credit for the services so efficiently rendered.

This society now numbers 105 members of whom 46 are associate and 59 active. The society has made remarkable progress during the year in the purposes for which it was organized. There has been a regular attendance of over 100

and during the month of December the average attendance was 124. The society has recently taken up Mission and Temperance work under the chairmanship of Miss Emma Francis The society has become much interested in mission work and large results are confidently expected the ensuing year.

THE PARISH LIBRARY.

Twentyseven volumes were presented in December by Mr. James Swan for the enlargement of the library. It is open on Thursday evenings after the prayer-meeting. Miss Ella Williams is the librarian.

THE CHURCH RECORDS.

The records of the church from its first organization in 1789 to 1825 have not been found, though a manuscript certifying to the formation of the society in 1789 is preserved with the records of the city of Derby, and occasional mention of the society is found in other records.

The volume of the minutes of the meetings of the Ecclesiastical Society from 1825 to 1846 has been found in an old garret and handed to the clerk.

A volume of the church records as kept by the pastors, from 1817 to 1842; a second volume, from 1843 to 1886: and a third, from 1888 to date, were received from the previous clerk.

A volume of carefully compiled records of pastorates, deacons, superintendents and members, etc., compiled by Rev. T. E. Davies, was received from him by the present clerk. It also contains a valuable article by Rev. Mr. Davies on the organization of the church in 1789 and its subsequent existence previous to the reorganization in 1817, the period of which the records are mostly lost.

The publications relating to the history of the church, so far as known to the writer, are as follows:

A sermon delivered by Rev. S. C. Leonard July 9, 1876. (History of Seymour, pp. 9–21.)

1—Standing rules, articles of faith, and covenant, published in 1853.

2—Standing rules, articles of faith, and covenant, published in 1870.

3—List of officers, teachers, members of the church and Sundayschool, etc., June 1, 1876, compiled by Rev. S. C. Leonard.

4—Pastoral letter by Rev. F. S. Root, dated Feb. 17, 1881.

5—Historical Manual, 23 pages, compiled by Rev. F. S. Root in 1883. This is a valuable compend of the history of the church. It gives a list of the members, with dates, from 1817, a carefully revised list of the membership in 1883, etc.

6—Standing rules, adopted Apr. 12,'88.

7—Constitution and by-laws of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, 8 pages, published in Dec., 1888.

8—Historical sermon by Rev. T E. Davies, delivered Dec. 7, 1890; published in the Record Dec. 18th.

9—Constitution and by-laws of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, 16 pages; published in 1892

10—Congregational Annual, 4 pages, Jan 1, 1893

11—List of officers and committees, etc., Apr. 20, 1893, two pages.

12, 13—The Church Annuals, 1894–5.

14—Standing rules, April, 1895.

15—Christian Endeavor regulations,'96.

A safe is coming to be considered an indispensable part of the equipment of a modern church. Certainly records and documents relating to the membership of a church and its work are valuable enough to be securely guarded.—The Congregationalist, April 19th, 1895.

The publication of the Annual has been unavoidably delayed.

Congregational Annual.

SEYMOUR, CONN. JANUARY, 1897.

REV. H. A. CAMPBELL.

Seymour Congregational Church,

ORGANIZED NOV. 3, 1789.

REV. HOLLIS A. CAMPBELL, PASTOR.

CHURCH SERVICES:

Sunday, 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Sundayschool after the morning service

Y. P. S C. E. meeting Sunday evening at 6 o'cloch.

Prayermeeting Thursday evening at 7:30.

SACRAMENTS:

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is administered on the first Sabbath morning in Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept., and Nov.

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH:

DEACONS:

Edwin A. Lum, term expires in 1898.
Edward R. Davis, term expires in 1899.
Geo. E. O'Meara, term expires in 1900.
Thomas Williams, term expires in 1901.

Clerk, W. C. Sharpe.
Treasurer, C. J. Atwater.
Auditor, Geo. E. O'Meara.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE:

W. B. Nichols, Geo. W. French, Oliver M. Williams, Mrs. C. C. Radford, Mrs. Hattie A. Cotter.

Report of the Pastor.

The members received in 1896 were—

Jan. 5, Mrs. Myra Botsford May, Mrs. Alice L. Johns, Miss Edith Almira Reynolds, Miss Catharine Anthony, Richard R. Pearson, John Nathan Atwood.

Number of families connected with the church, Jan. 1, 1897, 240.

The number of baptisms was 7, viz. 5 adults, 2 infants. The number from the Sundayschool who united with the church was three.

Number of marriages, 8.

Number of funerals, 6.

BENEVOLENCE.

For Congl. Education Society	$5 00
For Atlanta University	9.50

(See also report of Y. P. S. C. E.)

Report of the Clerk.

Number of members Jan. 1, 1896		231
Received on profession in 1896		6
Total		237
Removed by letter	3	
Died	2	5
Number of members Jan. 1, 1897		232

WITHDRAWN:

Mrs. F. Van Valkenberg, to Waterbury. Mrs. Mettie Storrs, Mrs. DeEtta Merrick Sperry, to Bridgeport.

DIED:

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Report of the Treasurer.

Year ending December 31, 1896.

RECEIPTS.

Cash Apr. 1, 1895	$20.85
Received from five collections	24.00
Collection Evening June 22d	3.49
Total	$48.34

PAYMENTS.

125 Handbooks	$1.50
Annuals and Circulars	5.75
Dues to State Conference	8.15
S. S. and P. S.	3.49
Total	$18.89
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1897	29 45
	$48.34

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Report of the Treasurer

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Received from Pew rents	1347.84
Collections	191.30
T. of H. use of parlor	2.00
Total	$1558.49

PAYMENTS.

Expenses incurred before May 1, 1895:		
Pastor	$83.34	
Collector	31.05	
Singing	81 50	
Organist	59.50	
Sexton	12.50	
Music	5 29	
Blowing Organ	6.00	
Coal	17.00	
Oil and Sundries	12 23	
Repairs and incidentals	5.73	
		314 14
May 1st, 1895, to Apr. 1st, 1896:		
Salary of Pastor		$833.37
Sexton		115 85
Organist		108.50
Coal		41.38

Insurance	72.00
Blowing Organ	12.00
Music	7 20
Tuning Organ	8.75
Oil and Sundries	20.29
On note	25 00
Amount on bills since May 1st, 1895	$1244.36
On old bills	314.14
	$1558.50

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR.

Amount of seat rents, 1895-6		$1278.00
Amt. coll'd on 1895-6. .	$1073 20	
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		$1280.73
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Report of the Secretary,

Jan. 1st, 1896, to Jan. 1st, 1897.

Average attendance, 48 Sundays	174
Whole number of scholars Jan. 1,'97	273
Number of officers and teachers	33
Whole number enrolled	306
Largest attendance Dec. 6	229
Smallest attendance Mar. 1	67
Average attendance in December	225

Report of the Treasurer,

Jan. 1st, 1895, to Jan. 1st, 1896.

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand Jan. 1st, 1896	$69.85
From Y. P. S. C. E., for Library	12.00
From Boys' Brigade	3.50
Subscription to Library per C. J. Atwater	13.00
Subscription to Library per Miss Hattie Barber	5.00
Contributions for picnic	4 00
General collections	140.78
	$248.13

EXPENDITURES.

Cards and Envelopes	$ 4 30
Catalogues and Labels	14 40
Library Books	55.02
Quarterlies	67.67
Easter Music	5.27
Bibles for Infant Class	3.00
Picnic Expenses	16.02
History of Cong. Church	3.50
Christmas Exercises	5.25
Call Bell	.25
Papers for Infant Class	15.00
Christmas Entertainment for Infant Class	24.03
	$213.71
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1897	34.42
	$248.13

The annual Sundayschool picnic was held at High Rock Grove Aug. 6th

The Sundayschool Library.

The library was carefully revised in September and 188 volumes were found in good condition. The number of new books added was 143, making a total of 331.

Report of Book Club.

Mrs Radford's Class. Mrs. H. M. Barber, Secretary.

Money received in '96, $21.30. Number books bought, 22. 42 books were given to the Sundayschool library and 15 books to the parish library, in the year '96.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

At the semi-annual meeting held Oct 6th Miss Maud Sterling was elected delegate to the State Convention of the Y P. S C. E., held at New London in November, and the following officers and committees were elected:

President, Geo E O'Meara.
Vice President, Miss Clara Nichols
Recording Secretary, Miss Maud Sterling.
Corresponding Secretary C J Atwater.
Treasurer, Mrs. C. J. Atwater.
Pianist, Mrs. C J. Atwater.
Junior Superintendent Miss Harriet Barber.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES:

Lookout, Miss Mary A. Hill.
Prayermeeting Miss Hannah Thomas.
Social, Miss Bessie Botsford.
Missionary, Miss Hattie Barber.
Floral, Miss Mamie Evans.
Sundayschool, Oliver Williams.
Sick Visiting, Miss Helen Williams.

Report of the Secretary.

No. members Jan 1, '96, 101, 57 active, 44 associate.

Fifteen have been dropped for non-attendance, four by request and one withdrawal was given, making 20 members lost. We have gained five new members during the year, two active and three associate. Three of our associate members have become active We have now 49 active and 35 associate members making 84 members in all. We hope during the year to come we may not only be able to gain new members but bring back some of those who have for a time not been with us in the Master's work

The society sent $30 00 to Nashville, Ga., May 27th, $25.00 to American Board Sept. 5th $30.00 to educate a boy in Japan, in Nov., making a total of $85 00

The proceeds of an entertainment given just before Thanksgiving, amounting to $25.00, was devoted to the local poor. We have now on hand $22.00 and $53 00 more pledged.

Hoping that in the year to come our society may be strengthened in every way that we may do better work for our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, this report is respectfully submitted.

H. Maude Sterling, Secretary.

Junior Christian Endeavor Society.

Number of active members	29
Associate members	31
New members in 1896	4
Number of meetings held	40
Average attendance	33

The Floral Committee are to place flowers in church. The Sunshine Committee had a Christmas tree for the poor children of Seymour

From the 3 cents given to each member over $3.50 has been brought in and 15 have not yet handed their's in. This is devoted to helping buy a communion service for some Western church.

The society has pledged $8.00 to missions aside from what is being given by some of its members to the Missionary Committee of the senior society.

F Buckingham, Secretary.

The clerk acknowledges with thanks the promptness with which the foregoing reports were handed in, all being ready at the time of the annual meeting of the church, which was held on Thursday evening, Jan. 14th.

With apologies to Rev. H. A. Campbell, whose portrait graces the first page of this annual, we insert it without his knowledge or permission, being sure it will be welcomed by all his parishioners.

W. C Sharpe, Clerk.

Congregational Annual.

SEYMOUR, CONN., JANUARY, 1898.

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REPORT OF THE PASTOR.

GREETING: Mindful of the Providential leadings through another year of Christian service together as pastor and people, we return thanks to God, through Christ, for the privileges which we have enjoyed, for the measure of success with which he has crowned our efforts, for the numerous and varied blessings, for the mercies received, for the comforts bestowed upon us, and for all lessons of divine care amid joys and sorrows. Taking to heart the trials, afflictions, and blessings, let us give more earnest heed to all truth, to be willing and faithful to follow it, relying on the help and grace that are promised of God. Seeking a closer walk with Him is to make progress in the divine life, being guided by His Word and Spirit, to be rewarded with peace. To lay up the richest treasures of character and deeds for the coming year, "Be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." 1 Tim. 4: 12.

Fraternally yours,
HOLLIS A. CAMPBELL, Pastor.

Record for year ending Dec. 31, 1897:

Marriages	5
Funerals	15
Members received—by letter, 2; by profession, 8: total	10
Removed by death, 2; by letter, 3; total	5
Correcting roll, lost	12
Baptized, adults, 7; children, 4	11
Members of church, male, 66; female, 160	226
Absent members	25
Recorded pastoral calls	240
Number of families	250

Record for six years ending Jan. 2, 1898:

Members received	104
Members dismissed and deceased	44
Net gain of members	60
Baptisms	75
Marriages	54
Funerals attended	94
Written sermons	510
Members received Jan. 2, 1898	27
Church members Jan. 2, 1898, male, 71; female, 182: total	253

Report of the Clerk.

Number of members Jan. 1, 1897...		232
Received on profession in 1897.....		8
Received by letter in 1897.....		2
Total.....		242
Removed by letter.....	3	
Died.....	2	
Omitted in revision of roll.....	12	17
Number of members Jan. 1, 1898...		225

Twenty-seven members were received Jan. 2, 1898, four by letter and twenty-three by profession, making the total membership 252.

The members received in 1897 were Miss Jessie Carrington, Miss Addie R. Tolles, Mrs. Ida Eliza Baldwin, Miss Edith Louise Baldwin, Miss Catharine B. McEwen, Miss Mary B. Cotter, Grant Asa Hubbell, Mrs. Mabel Campbell Hubbell, Mrs. Ellen Parsons, Mrs. W. N. Stevens.

REMOVED.

Mrs. J. S. Bradley, to Derby.
Mrs. Mary E. Butler, to New Haven.
Thomas N. Thomas, to Waterbury.

DIED.

Mrs. Mary Reese, July 11th.
Richard Evans, Sept. 24th.

Report of the Treasurer.

Year ending December 31, 1897.

RECEIPTS.

Cash Jan. 1, 1897.....	$29.45
From collections, communion Sundays.....	28.60
Special collections.....	27.13
Total.....	$85.18

EXPENDITURES.

Congregational Annuals, 2 years..	$3.50
400 Annual Reports of Church....	5.00
Dues to State Conference.....	8.78
Communion wine.....	5.25
Church Building Society.....	3.44
A. B. C. F. M.....	12.00
State Sundayschool Association...	5.09
Christian Workers.....	6.60
Total.....	$49.66
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1898.....	35.52
	$85.18

THE ECCLESIASTICAL SOCIETY.

Elected Apr. 23, 1897.

Prudential committee, V. H. McEwen, S. D. Beach and E. R. Davis.

Clerk, T. B. Beach.

Treasurer, C. J. Atwater.

Collector, E. A. Lum.

Auditor, M. C. Keir.

Tithingmen, J. W. DeForest, Thomas Williams.

Sexton, J. W. DeForest.

Report of the Treasurer,

For the fiscal year ending May 1, 1897.

RECEIPTS.

From pew rents,.....	$1147.66
From collections,.....	227.69
Donation from Rev. H. A. C.,....	20.33
	$1395.68

PAYMENTS.

To pastor,.....	$928.66
To organist,.....	182.00
To sexton, ...	119.62
For tuning organ,.....	35.00
For blowing organ, ...	15.00
For coal,.....	33.70
For lumber, ...	3.85
For collecting, ...	32.02
For oil and sundries,.....	31.16
To O. D. Sykes on account, ...	12.85
	$1393.86
Cash in treasury, ...	1.82
	$1395.68

Of the above $298.98 was on bills due May 1, 1896.

EXPENSES, MAY 1, '96, TO MAY 1, '97.

Pastor's salary,.....	$1000.00
Organist,.....	168.00
Janitor, ...	125.00
Blowing organ $18, tuning $35,	53.00
Coal $48, oil and sundries $30.41,	78.41
Collecting, ...	28.69
Repairs, etc.,.....	61.84
	$1514.94
Total pewrents, 1896-7, $1200.30	
Other receipts,..... 248.02	
	$1448.32

BILLS OUTSTANDING APR. 23, 1897.

To pastor,	$238.00
To organist,	42.00
To janitor,	20.83
To O. D. Sykes,	48.99
To E. L. Spencer,	9.00
To J. H. Lampert,	8.75
To A. Y. Beach,	20.00
To E. A. Lum,	28.69
	$416.26

Pewrents outstanding Apr. 23,'97, $341.80

LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

President, Mrs. A. B. Dunham.

Vice-Presidents, Mrs. S. W. Buckingham, Mrs. H. H. Parsons.

Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. A. W. Adams.

Directresses, Mrs. S. R. Dean, Mrs. A. Y. Beach, Mrs. S. D. Beach, Mrs. Baylis, Mrs. Stephens and Mrs. V. H. McEwen.

Musical Directresses, Mrs. Ernest Taylor, Mrs. Clifford J. Atwater.

Collector, Miss Helena Culver.

This society served but one supper during the year passed, consequently but little money was carned. The piano in the parlors was thoroughly renovated at an expense of $18.

Since the beginning of our present year, Sept, 1897, much work has been accomplished and considerable money earned, with which, together with the receipts of our coming fair, we hope to have a goodly sum toward improving the church property.

H. D. ADAMS,
Secretary and Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

From one supper	$22.30
Cash on hand	38.70
	$61.00

EXPENSES.

For renovating piano	$10.00
For church cleaning	10.75
	$28.75
Balance	32.25
	$61.00

THE SUNDAYSCHOOL.

Superintendent, C. J. Atwater.

First Assistant Supt., M. C. Keir.

Second Assistant Supt., W. N. Stevens.

Secretary, Albert Maybury.

Treasurer, S. R. Dean.

Librarian, Ernest Taylor.

Book Committee, Mrs. Radford, Mrs. Barber, W. C. Sharpe, Ernest Taylor.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

From Jan. 1st, 1897, to Jan. 1st, 1898.

Number of scholars	292
Number of officers and teachers	33
Whole number enrolled	325
Largest attendance, Dec. 19th	244
Smallest attendance, Mar. 14	68
Average attendance during the year, 51 Sundays,	184

R. S. BEACH, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER,

Jan. 1st, 1897, to Jan. 1st, 1898.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Jan. 1st, 1897,	$ 34.42
From collections, etc.,	157.58
	$192.00

EXPENDITURES.

For library books,	$29.75
For Quarterlies,	77.76
To Conn. S. S. Assoc'n,	5.00
For library and record books,	2.50
For Easter Exercises,	4.45
For Concert Exercises,	5.42
For Children's Day Exercises,	.60
Picnic expenses,	19.02
"Christian Songs,"	5.53
Infant class lesson papers,	13.50
Bibles, etc., for infant class,	5.45
For infant class at Christmas,	22.14
Envelopes for collections,	.30
Balance,	.58
	$192.00

The annual Sundayschool picnic was held at High Rock Grove.

Report of Book Club.

Mrs. Radford's Class. Mrs. H. M. Barber, Secretary.

Money received in '97, $17.17. Number of books, bought, 17.

Report of the Y. P. S. C. E.

For the year ending Jan. 13, 1898.

The membership of the Society is 87, 56 active, 25 associate and 6 honorary. During the past year 14 active and 3 associate members have been added to the roll, 5 of which were from the Junior C. E. There have been 20 from the society who have united with the church.

Weekly prayermeetings have been held every Sunday evening, with a good attendance, and much interest has been shown. The largest attendance during the year was in the month of December, 129; the smallest in the month of August, 60. The average attendance at our meetings has been 100.

Meetings have been held at Woodbridge chapel four different times. A sunrise prayermeeting was held Thanksgiving morning, with a good attendance.

A prominent feature of the work of the society has been done through its missionary committee. There was pledged for the year 1897 the sum of $72.40, which has been promptly paid. A lecture was given by a young man who was a native Armenian and the sum of $15 was given him. The committee also furnished two families with a Thanksgiving dinner. The work has been chiefly for home missions, including the sum of $13.75 on hand for 1898, beside which there is also a balance of $37 in the treasury.

Harry H. Parsons, Secretary.

Junior Christian Endeavor.

Miss Hattie Barber, Superintendent.

Florence Wyant, President.
Mabel Peck, Vice-President.
Sarah Evans, Secretary.
Lillie Parsons, Treasurer.

COMMITTEES.

Lookout, May Dorman.
Prayermeeting, Lulu Beers.
Social, Lena Edwards.
Temperance, Fanny Conine.
Music, Annie Weislogel.
Floral, Fred Weislogel.
Sunshine, Chester Stevens.

At the beginning of the year there were 32 active members, of whom twelve have since joined the Senior Endeavorers. The number Jan. 1, 1898, was 16. The number of associate members at the beginning of the year was 28, and on Jan. 1, '98, there were 29. Six of the members have joined the church during the year. The average attendance of both active and associate members has been 23. Number of songs 270, prayers 156, verses 270. Twelve business meetings have been held during the year.

An entertainment was given in the church parlor Nov. 12th, of which the proceeds amounted to $14.05, for the expenses of the Society.

Summary of Benevolent Contributions.

To Church Building Society	$ 3.44
To A. B. C. F. M.	12.00
To Conn. S. S. Association	5.09
To Christian Workers	6.60
By the Christian Endeavor Society, for the Armenians	15.00
	$42.13

Rev. Herman Seil, of Ansonia, who conducts services in German in the church parlor on Sundays at 9 a. m., reports eight families as attending the services. The sacrament of the Lord's supper is administered once in four weeks. There is no Sundayschool connected with this service.

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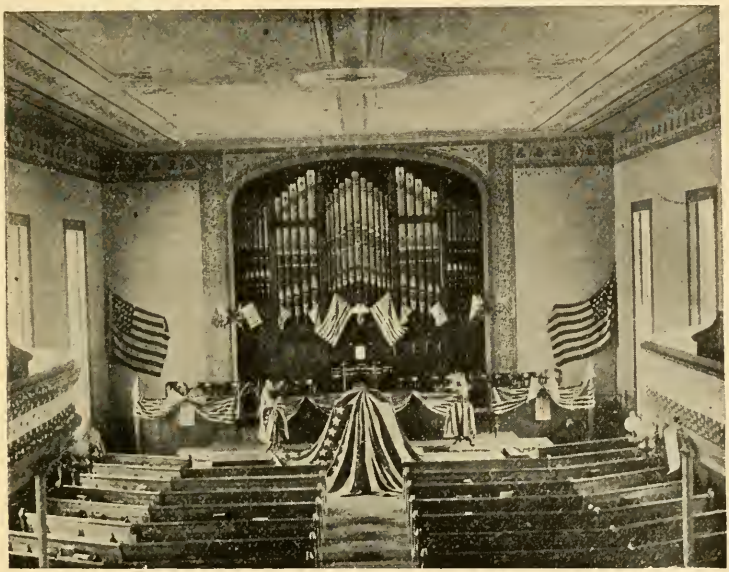

INTERIOR OF THE CHURCH AS DECORATED FOR MEMORIAL DAY.

Seymour Congregational Church,

ORGANIZED NOV. 3, 1789.

REV. HOLLIS A. CAMPBELL, PASTOR.

CHURCH SERVICES:

Sunday, 10.30 a. m. and 7. p. m.

Sundayschool after the morning service.

Christian Endeavor meeting Sunday evening at 6 o'clock.

Junior Christian Endeavor meeting Friday at 4:15 p. m.

Prayermeeting Thursday evening at 7.30

SACRAMENTS:

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is administered on the first Sabbath morning in Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept and Nov

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH:

DEACONS:

Geo. E. O'Meara, term expires in 1900.
Thomas Williams, term expires in 1901.
Edwin A Lum, term expires in 1902.
Geo. W. French, term expires in 1903.

CLERK, W. C. Sharpe.
TREASURER, C. J. Atwater.
AUDITOR, Geo. E. O'Meara.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE, Mrs. C. C. Radford, Harry H. Parsons, Oliver M. Williams, Mrs. S. R. Dean, Edward R. Davis.

CHURCH COMMITTEE. This includes the officers of the church and the Prudential Committee.

PARISH LIBRARIAN, Mrs. Ernest Taylor.

Report of the Pastor.

The pastor reported seventeen funerals attended during the year, nine marriages, and nineteen baptisms; and 250 families represented in the church and congregation.

Report of the Clerk.

Number of members Jan. 1, 1898,	225
Received by profession in 1898,	25
Received by letter in 1898,	4
Total,	254
Withdrawn, none.	
Died,	6
Number of members Jan. 1, 1899,	248

Resident, 216; Nonresident, 32.

The members received in 1898 were –

Miss Annie Jane Barr.
Miss Florence Martha Buckingham
Miss Ida Evelyn Chamberlin.
Mrs. Elizabeth Evans.
Miss Annie Evans.
Miss Mamie Evans
Earle LeRoy French
Mrs. Annie May Leavenworth,
Miss Jane Adaline Maybury.
Miss Eva Judd O'Meara.
Russell Parsons
Miss Ida Pearson.
Arthur Charles Schaper.
Miss Mabel Eudora Searles.
Mrs. Frances J. Sterling.
Miss Sarah Sterling.
Miss Helen Maud Sterling.
Miss Grace E. Sterling.
Miss Matilda Stewart.
Miss Jean Rowan Stewart.
Mrs Martha Thompson.
Charles Wheeler.
Miss Cora May Wheeler.
Miss Bessie White.
Miss Henrietta Williams.
Miss Susie Williams.
Robert Williams.
Miss Helen Irene Wyant
Miss Jessie Eleanor Wyant

DEATHS.

John J. Williams, admitted by letter Mar. 6, 1892; died Jan. 31, 1898

Nelson A Hall, admitted May 7, 1897, by letter from Guilford; died Feb. 20, 1898.

Mrs. Jennie E. Spencer, admitted May 1, 1870; died Feb. 18, 1898.

Chas. C. Schaper, admitted Jan. 2, 1887; died Sept. 16, 1898

Mrs. Anna M. Sanford, admitted Jan. 8, 1854; died Oct. 8 1898.

David Johnson, admitted Sept 3, 1837; died in Ansonia Dec. 19, 1898.

Report of C. J. Atwater, Treasurer, Year ending December 31, 1898.

RECEIPTS

Cash Jan. 1, 1898	$35.52
Collections, communion Sundays	25.46
For Ministerial Relief Fund	24.88
Total,	$85.86

DISBURSEMENTS

Dues to State Conference	$8.08
Hymn Books and expressage	12.80
400 Church Annuals and postage.	5.30
Hymn Books for Choir	4.55
On Society Debt	20.00
Ministerial Relief Fund	24.88
150 Congregational Annuals	1.75
Total	$77.36
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1899	8 50
	$85 86

At the annual meeting of the Church, held Jan 12th, it was voted that collections be taken on the first Sundays of March, July and November as follows:

March, for Home Missions.
July, for Foreign Missions.
November, for Church Building.

THE ECCLESIASTICAL SOCIETY.

Officers Elected Apr. 21, 1898.

Prudential committee. V. H. McEwen, G. W. French and E. R. Davis.
Clerk, T. B. Beach.
Treasurer, C. J. Atwater.
Collector, E. A. Lum.
Auditor, M. C. Keir.
Tithingmen, J. W. DeForest, G. W. French
Janitor, J. W. DeForest.

Report of C. J. Atwater, Treasurer.

For the fiscal year ending May 1, 1898.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand beginning of year	$1.82
From pew rents	1142.64
From Sunday Collections	176.62
For use of church parlor,	4.00
Gifts	73.00
	$1398.08

PAYMENTS.

To pastor,	$700.83
To organist,	93.00
To sexton,	75 50
For tuning organ,	26.25
For blowing organ,	13.50
For coal,	27.00
Repairs on furnace,	29.00
For oil and sundries	12.88
On current year,	$977.96
On bills of previous year,	419.53
Total payments,	$1397 49
Cash on hand,	.59
	$1398.08

EXPENSES, MAY 1, '97, to MAY 1, '98.

Pastor's salary,	$1000.00
Organist	161.00
Janitor,	125.00
Blowing organ $18, tuning $35,	53.00
Coal,	52.20
Oil and sundries,	12 88
Collecting	28.56
Repairs of furnace	29.00
	$1476.64

About the middle of May, by collections and gifts, the then existing indebtedness of the society was paid in full.

LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

President, Mrs A. B. Dunham.
Vice-Presidents, Mrs. S. W. Buckingham, Mrs. H. H. Parsons.
Sec'y and Treas., Mrs A W Adams.
Directresses, Mrs. S. R. Dean, Mrs. A. Y. Beach, Mrs. S. D. Beach, Mrs. Baylis, Mrs. Stephens and Mrs. V. H. McEwen.
Musical Directresses, Mrs. Ernest Taylor, Mrs Clifford J. Atwater
Collector, Miss Helena A. Culver.

REPORT OF MRS. H. D. ADAMS, SECY & TREAS.

The Ladies' Aid Society held its annual meeting in October and the reports showed a very successful year's work. The same officers were re-elected for the ensuing year. During the year eight suppers were served, three sales were held, and a fair and entertainment in the opera house Jan 18th. The proceeds of the year's work has been devoted to improvement of the church property.

RECEIVED.

From sales	$31.00
For work	2 00
For fees	6 00
From fair Jan. 18th	150.91
From teas	130.49
	$320.40

EXPENDED.

Improvements on Parsonage	$43.13
Care of church	7.50
Cleaning of windows, &c	11.20
Tuning of Piano	2.00
To Mrs. Buehler	8.00
For Lamps	3.00
Supplies for Suppers and Kitchen	9.88
	$84.71
Receipts	$320 40
Expended	84.71
Balance	$235.69
Cash on hand from previous year,	32 25
Total	$267.94

THE SUNDAYSCHOOL.

Superintendent, C. J. Atwater.
First Assistant Supt , W N. Stevens.
Second Assistant Supt., M. C. Keir.
Secretary, Earl Leroy French.
Treasurer, S. R. Dean.
Librarian, Ernest Taylor
Book Committee, Mrs. Radford, Mrs. Barber, W. C Sharpe, Ernest Taylor.

REPORT OF E. L. FRENCH, SECRETARY, From Jan. 1st, 1898, to Jan. 1st, 1899.

Number of scholars	243
Number of officers and teachers	35
Whole number enrolled	278
Largest attendance, Jan. 9 and Dec. 18	225
Smallest attendance, Apr. 4th	36
Average attendance during the year, 45 Sundays	159

REPORT OF S. R DEAN, TREASURER, Jan 1st, 1898, to Jan. 1st, 1899.

EXPENDITURES.

Jan. 11. '98 Record Book for Sec'y.	$1.00
Feb. 9. Library Cards	3.10
Song Books and ex charges	16.50
Apr. 10. Easter Exercises	.55
Jun. 19. Children's Day Exercises and express	5 60
Quarterlies, &c, for 1898	64.60
Aug. 18. Expenses of Picnic	12.54
Dec. 19. '99 Record Book for Sec'y.	1.40
24. Papers for Infant Class	12.00
Entertainment "	6.50
Presents to Infant Class	12.93
Christmas Exercises	5.00
	$141.72

RECEIPTS.

Jan. 1. Balance of acct. rendered	$ .58
14 Song Books sold	2.80
Collections and Contributions	130.30
	$133.68
Balance	$8.04

Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

OFFICERS.

President, Oliver Williams.

Vice-President, Miss Mary Hill.

Recording Secretary, Miss H A. Culver.

Corresponding Secretary, C. J. Atwater.

Treasurer, Mrs. C. J. Atwater.

Pianist, Mrs. C. J. Atwater.

COMMITTEES.

LOOKOUT—Miss Mary Hill, Miss Edith Reynolds, Miss Eva O'Meara, Miss Annie Evans, Earl Leroy French.

PRAYER MEETING—Harry H. Parsons, Morris Pearson, Miss Lillie Doolittle Mrs Fred C Peck, Miss Addie Tolles.

SOCIAL—Mrs H. H. Parsons, Mrs. E S Cooper, Miss Harriet Chamberlin, Miss Minnie B. Cotter, Miss Mary Anthony.

MISSIONARY—Mrs. Ernest Taylor, Miss Maude Sterling, Oliver Williams, Miss Jennie Maybury, Harry H Parsons.

SUNDAYSCHOOL—Miss Maude Sterling, Miss Helena A Culver, Charles Wheeler, Miss Susie Williams, Russel Parsons.

TEMPERANCE—George E O'Meara, Henry Schneider, Miss Henrietta Williams, Miss Kate Anthony, Miss Jean Stewart

Florid—Miss Mabel Searles, Miss Helen Wyant, Miss Nina Mason, Miss Jessie Wyant Robert Williams.

SICK VISITING—Miss Charlotta McEwen, Miss Flora Macdonald, Miss Ida L. Pearson, Miss Catherine McEwen, Dwight French.

MUSIC—Mrs. C J Atwater Mrs Ernest Taylor, Miss Mamie Evans, Miss Bessie White, Mrs. H. A. May

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY, MISS HELENA A CULVER,

For the year ending Jan. 12, 1899

The membership of the Society is 92, 67 active, 20 associate, and 5 honorary. During the year 20 active members have been added to the roll, 14 of which were from the Junior C. E There have been 24 from the society who have united with the church

Y. P. S. C. E. prayer meetings have been held every Sunday evening. The largest attendance during the year was in the month of January, 130; the smallest in the month of February, 25. The average attendance at our meetings has been 85

Meetings have been held at Woodbridge Mission at different times. A sunrise prayermeeting was held Thanksgiving morning, with an attendance of about 25.

This year the society has rented a church pew which is known as the C. E. pew for strangers.

An interesting feature of our work has been done by the missionary committee.

Report of the Missionary Committee of the Y. P. S. C. E, Mrs. Ernest Taylor, Chairman.

At the beginning of our Missionary year, April, 1898, about $75.00 was pledged by systematic giving, for Foreign and Home Missions. We have not received our year's pledges as yet, but have given from the missionary fund $15 00 to the church treasurer toward the church debt, $10 00 to a sick member of the society, $5.00 to the National Ministerial Relief Fund, and $10 to the American Home Missionery Society for missionary work in Alaska. At Christmas we furnished seven families with enough provisions for Christmas dinners, including chickens, apples, potatoes and numerous other things, and two elderly ladies with baskets of fruit. Our work for Missions has been very successful, the members giving very liberally. A few of our church members are also interested and contribute regularly.

JUNIOR CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Superintendent, Mrs. Ernest Taylor.

1st Asst. Supt, Miss Mary Hill.

2d Asst. Supt., George E. O'Meara.

Report of the Junior Society of C. E., by Mrs. Ernest Taylor, Superintendent

Our Junior is a very interesting feature of our C. E. work Fourteen of our Juniors have united with the parent society the past year. We have about 32 members and have given during the year about $10 00 for Missions rented a pew in church for Juniors who have no sittings in church, and are tacking a comfortable at the present time for the Mt. Carmel Children's Home. Money has been sent to this home by the Juniors At Christmas a box was filled for poor children and provisions contributed to the pound social of the Y. P. S. C E

THE PARISH LIBRARY.

Report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1898 Mrs. Ernest Taylor, Librarian.

There are 47 names on the Librarian's book and about thirty of these have drawn books at regular intervals during the year. The library is in very good condition and one book only is missing There have been 252 books drawn the past year A number of new names have been added to the list, principally of the young people who attend prayer meeting We have

174 works of Fiction.
37 of Historical and Descriptive.
16 of Travel and Adventures
32 of Biography.
15 of Science and Art.
14 of Theological and Religious.
15 of Poetry.
41 Miscellaneous

These are all by the best authors. Every one interested in good reading is invited to attend our midweek prayermeeting and thus be entitled to draw books from this library. An addition of $25.00 worth of books will soon be put in, given by a gentleman of the church very much interested in this department.

The church, parsonage and the railing around the grounds have been repainted, the railing has been repaired and new posts set, and a new chimney has been built in the church, the work to be principally at the expense of the Ladies' Aid Society, but the committee has not yet presented the bills to the treasurer so that they cannot be included in the report.

A new bible for pulpit use was recently presented by several members of the church.

Congregational Annual.

No 8. SEYMOUR, CONN. January, 1900.

Seymour Congregational Church,

Organized Nov. 3 1789.

REV. HOLLIS A. CAMPBELL, Pastor.

CHURCH SERVICES:

Sunday, 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Sundayschool after the morning service.

Christian Endeavor meeting Sunday evening at 6 o'clock.

Junior Christian Endeavor meeting Friday at 4:15 p. m.

Prayermeeting Thursday evening at 7:30

SACRAMENTS:

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is administered on the first Sabbath morning in Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept. and Nov.

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH:

DEACONS:

Thomas Williams, term expires 1901.
Edwin A. Lum, term expires in 1902.
Geo. W. French, term expires in 1903.
Geo. E. O'Meara, term expires in 1904.

Clerk, W. C. Sharpe.
Treasurer, C. J. Atwater.
Auditor, Geo. E. O'Meara.

Prudential Committee, Mrs. C. C. Radford, Mrs. S. R. Dean, Oliver M. Williams, Harry H. Parsons, M. C. Keir.

Church Committee. This includes the officers of the church and the Prudential Committee.

Parish Librarian, Mrs Ernest Taylor

Report of the Pastor.

Number received in 1899, males 2, females 15, total	17
Number received by letter,	3
Received on confession of faith	14
Baptisms, adults 4, children 5, total	9
Number of families in parish,	250
Number of calls made in 1899,	311
Number of funerals, church members 4, others 12, total	16
Number of marriages,	11

Members Deceased in 1899.

Miss Matilda Stewart.
Miss Emeline E. Beach.
Mr. James Spencer.
Mr. George Lester.

Report of the Clerk.

The number of names on the list of members Jan. 1, 1899, was 248. Twelve names were dropped by revision of the list, and there were four deaths during the year, as reported by the pastor. The seventeen members received made the number on the first of January, 1900—249.

The members received in 1899 were—

Florence May Bishop
Emma Elizabeth Boehler.
Miss Alma J. Decker.
Charles D. Harrison.
Miss Sarah E. Harrison.
Miss Flora MacDonald.
Charlotte C. McEwen
Charles McCabe
Miss Lena M. Miller.
Miss Minnie L Peck.
Miss Maria Rees.
Miss Clara Ethel Rice.
Mrs. Anna T Rowe.
Miss Carrie May Searles.
Mrs. Lena Sponheimer.
Miss Alice Thrall
Miss Helen Elizabeth Warne r

Report of C. J. Atwater, Treasurer,

Year ending Dec. 31, 1898.

1899. RECEIPTS.

	Balance,	$8.50
Jan.	1, Collection,	1.34
Mar.	5, Collection H. M. S.	11.44
Dec	30, '98, to Apr. 16, '99, Collections Ministerial Relief Fund.	24.75
May	7, Collection,	6.62
May	14, Collection evening,	3 89
July	1, Collection A. B. C. F. M.	12.55
Sep	3, Collection	4 99
Nov.	5, Ch. Building Soc'y	10.66
		$84.74

PAYMENTS

Mar.	6, Home Missionary Society.	$11.44
Apr.	15, By 400 Church Annuals	5.00
Apr	17, Ministers' Relief Fund	24.75
May	11, Dues to State Conference	10.00
May	15, By check to C S. S. & P. S.	3.89
July	5, By check to A B. C F. M.	12 55
Nov.	6, To Ch. Building Society	10 66
Nov.	10, Communion Wine	.70
Dec.	22, By 150 Cong'l Manuals	1.75
	Balance Jan. 1st, 1900	4 00
		$84.74

THE ECCLESIASTICAL SOCIETY.

Officers Elected Apr. 21, 1899.

Prudential committee, A. Y. Beach, G. W. French and Oliver Williams.
Clerk, T. B. Beach.
Treasurer, C. J. Atwater.
Collector, E. A. Lum.
Auditor, M. C. Keir.
Tithingmen, J. W. DeForest, John Williams.
Janitor, J. W. DeForest.
Sexton of the cemetery, Geo. W. Burroughs.

Report of C. J. Atwater, Treasurer,

For the fiscal year ending May 1, 1899.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand beginning of year	$14.39
From pew rents,	971.04
From Sunday collections,	158.00
For use of church parlor,	3.00
	$1,146.43

PAYMENTS.

To pastor,	$770.00
To organist,	124.00
To sexton,	87.50
For tuning organ,	26.25
For blowing organ,	16.50
For coal	29.75

Insurance	72.00
For oil	14.99
Sundries	5.16
Total	$1,145.65
Cash on hand	.78
	$1,446.43

STATEMENT, FOR YEAR 1898-9.

ASSETS.

Cash on hand May 15, 1898	$14 39
Pewrents, (if all collected)	1,208.90
Sunday collections	158.00
Rent of church parlor	3.00
	$1,384.29

LIABILITIES.

Pastor's salary	$1,000.00
Organist	169.50
Janitor	125.00
Tuning organ $35, blowing $18	53.00
Coal	42.45
Oil	14.99
Incidentals	5.16
Collecting	30.00
	$1,532.63

LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

OFFICERS ELECTED OCT. 11, 1899.

President, Mrs. V. H. McEwen.
1st Vice Pres., Mrs. S. W. Buckingham.
2nd Vice Pres., Mrs. C. C. Radford.
Secretary, Mrs. Ernest Taylor.
Treasurer, Mrs. C. J. Atwater.
Directors, Mrs. W. N. Stevens, Mrs. S. R. Dean, Mrs. S. P. Camp, Mrs. Theodore Beach, Miss Addie Rider, Mrs. H. A. Campbell.

REPORT OF THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY,
For the winter of 1898-9.

Receipts from suppers, entertainment and fair	$181 14
Cash on hand	267 94
Total	$449 08
Paid out for church improvements	$365.07
Incidentals	25.47
Totals	$390.54
Cash on hand Oct 11, 1899	$58.54
Four suppers and entertainment	134.95
	$193.49
Expenses from Oct 18, 1899	$6.69
Cash on hand Jan. 1st, 1900	$186.80

A barrel of clothing was sent to Saluda Seminary, North Carolina, for distribution among the poor Mountain whites of that region. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ERNEST TAYLOR, Sec'y.
MRS. C J. ATWATER, Treas.

THE SUNDAYSCHOOL.

Superintendent, C. J. Atwater.
First Assistant Supt., W. N. Stevens.
Second Assistant Supt., M. C. Keir.
Secretary, Earl Leroy French.
Treasurer, S. R. Dean.
Librarian, Ernest Taylor.
Book Committee, Mrs. Radford, Mrs. Barber, W. C. Sharpe, Ernest Taylor.

REPORT OF S. R. DEAN, TREASURER,
Jan. 1, 1899, to Jan. 1, 1900.

Dr.

Jan. 1, '99, balance		$8.04
Jan. 17, Wall Maps and Commandments		2.05
Bibles for Infant Class		5.45
Apr. 1, Collection Envelopes		.25
July 28, Supplies for Picnic		18.69
Sep. 11, Rally and Review Exercises		2.00
Dec. 25, Christmas Presents, etc., for Infant Class		22.00
Mar. 7, Quarterlies, 1st qr.	$16.61	
May 22, " 2d qr.	17.36	
Sep. 11, " 3d qr.	16.91	
Dec. 8, " 4th qr.	16.91	67.79
		$126.27
Balance		9.25
		$135.52

Cr.

Collections in 1899	$122.18
Contributions to Picnic Fund	7.75
M. E. Church paid at Picnic	5.59
	$135.52

REPORT OF E. L. FRENCH, SECRETARY,
Jan. 1st, 1899, to Jan 1, 1900.

Scholars now enrolled	270
Officers and teachers now enrolled	32
Whole number now enrolled	302
Largest attendance Dec. 17th	220
Smallest attendance Dec 24	75
Average attendance, 46 Sundays	163

REPORT OF THE Y. P. S. C. E.

MRS. O. M. WILLIAMS, SECRETARY.

For the year ending January 11th, 1900.

The membership of the society is 91, 75 active, 11 associate and 5 honorary.

During the year 16 active members have been added to the roll, 3 of which were from the Junior C. E.

There have been 11 from the society who have united with the church.

Y. P. S. C. E. prayer meetings have been held every Sunday evening.

The largest attendance during the year was in the month of February, 115. Smallest in the month of December, 10.

The average attendance at our meetings has been 71.

Meetings have been held at Woodbridge Mission at different times.

A sunrise prayermeeting was held Thanksgiving morning with an attendance of 33.

The society has united with the Juniors in renting a church pew.

At the beginning of the year $50 was pledged by systematic giving for Foreign and Home Missions.

A number of needy ones were helped at Christmas time. We have been endeavoring to increase this good work and have about 50 members in the society, besides many others that are giving systematically.

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR Y. P. S. C. E.

The Junior Society has done very good work the past year. Much interest is taken in the meetings, which are held regularly every Friday at 4:15 p m. Collections are taken at each meeting and are given for missionary purposes. At Thanksgiving two poor families were furnished with good dinners from these penny collections. Ten dollars has been pledged as the Junior Endeavor share in the C. E. pew at church.

There are 38 members and each week since early in December new members have been coming in. The officers are:

President, Herbert O'Meara.
Vice President, Ruth Cornforth.
Treasurer, Lulu Beers.
Secretary, Elizabeth Maybury.
Pianist, Florence Wyant.

REPORT OF PARISH LIBRARY.

For year ending Jan. 1st, 1900:

The library is in very good condition, and the number of books drawn average about the same as in '98. Mr. James Swan has given a number of new books amounting to $25 recently, and several "class books" from the book club have been given, all of them by the most popular writers of the day. Any one attending the prayer meetings has the privilege of drawing these books.

MRS. ERNEST TAYLOR, Librarian.

THE BOOK CLUB.

Amount received from members of the Book Club $15.10, with which we have purchased sixteen books at $15.02. We have given forty of our books to the Parish Library this year.

H. M. BARBER, Sec. Book Club.

Watchwords: Thoughts for the Year.

(Suggested by the Pastor.)

First—Pray for the pre-eminence of Christ in life; for faith and unity in the church. Choose God's will. "And let us not weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."—Gal. 6:9.

TRUST.

"Build a little fence of trust
Around today;
Fill the space with loving work,
And therein stay;
Look not through the shattering bars
Upon tomorrow,
God will help thee bear what comes
Of joy or sorrow."

Congregational Annual.

No. 9. SEYMOUR, CONN. JANUARY, 1901.

Seymour Congregational Church.

Organized Nov. 8, 1789.

REV HOLLIS A CAMPBELL, PASTOR.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Sunday, 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Sundayschool after the morning service.

Christian Endeavor meeting Sunday evening at 6 o'clock.

Junior Christian Endeavor meeting Friday at 4:15 p. m.

Prayermeeting Thursday evening at 7.30.

SACRAMENTS:

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is administered on the first Sabbath morning in Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept. and Nov.

At the annual meeting of the Church, held Jan. 24th, it was voted that collections be taken on the first Sundays of March, July and November as follows:

March, for Home Missions.

July, for Foreign Missions.

Nov., for American Missionary Assoc'n.

Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. Heb. 12:2.

For one is your Master, even Christ: and all ye are brethren. Matt. 23:8.

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. John 15:7.

For other foundation can no man lay than is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 3:11.

Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. James 4:8.

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH:

DEACONS:

Edwin A. Lum, term expires in 1902.

Geo. W. French, term expires in 1903.

Geo. E. O'Meara, term expires in 1904.

Charles Maybury, term expires in 1905.

CLERK, W. C. Sharpe.

TREASURER, C. J. Atwater.

AUDITOR, Geo. E. O'Meara.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE: Mrs. C. C. Radford, Mrs. S. R. Dean, Oliver M. Williams, Harry H. Parsons, M. C. Keir.

CHURCH COMMITTEE: This includes the officers of the church and the Prudential Committee.

PARISH LIBRARIAN: Mrs. Ernest Taylor.

REPORT OF THE PASTOR.

Number of families represented	250
Number of calls made in 1900	302
Number of funerals attended, church members 4, others 21, total	25
Number of marriages	6
Baptisms, adults 5, children 1, total	6
Members dropped	1
Letters granted	7
Deaths	3
Total loss	11
Members received, by letter, 3, on profession of faith, 9, total	12
Number of members Jan. 1, 1901	250
Number received Jan 6, 1901	10
Present membership	260
Resident members	227
Non-resident members	33

REPORT OF THE CLERK.

Number of members Jan 1, 1900	249
Withdrawn by letter	7

Mrs. Henrietta D. Adams, to New Haven.
Mrs. Frances Sterling, to Ansonia.
Miss Helen Maud Sterling, to Ansonia.
Miss Grace E. Sterling, to Ansonia.
Miss Sarah Sterling, to Shelton.
Miss Lulu Carrington, to New Haven.
Mrs. D. W. Simpson, to Shelton.

The number of deaths was 3:

Mrs. Jennie L. Benedict, died Aug 23.
Sheldon Sanford, died Oct. 8.
Mrs. Sarah Williams DeForest, d. Nov. 10.

One name was dropped, John N. Atwood.

Twelve members were received, four by letter and eight on profession:

January 7th.

Mrs. Sybil Maud Parsons,
Frederick Mellen Parsons,
Miss May Irene Dorman,
Hiram Chatfield.

May 6th.

Miss Harriet Lathrop,
Mrs. Emma Ward Botsford,
Otis Peck,
Leander C. Brown.

Nov. 4th.

James P. Johnstone,
Mrs. James P. Johnstone,
Mrs. Edith Lewis Robertson,
Foster W. Decker.

Number of members Jan. 1, 1901, 250.

REPORT OF C. J. ATWATER, TREASURER.

Year ending Dec. 31, 1900.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1900	$4.00
Receipts from collections—	
For incidental church expenses	20.31
For benevolent purposes	68.00
	$92.31

PAYMENTS.

For printing annuals and cards	$6.75
For supplies for communion	3.75
For church handbook	1.75
For dues to State Conference	8.64
To Home Missionary Society	15.00
To the Woman's Board, for Mrs. Twining	10.95
For Foreign Missions	11.85
For India Famine Relief	16.26
To American Missionary Assoc'n	13.94
Balance on hand, Jan. 1st, 1901	3.42
	$92.31

THE ECCLESIASTICAL SOCIETY.

OFFICERS ELECTED APR. 21, 1899.

Prudential committee, A. Y. Beach, G. W. French and O. M. Williams.

Clerk, T. B. Beach.
Treasurer, C. J. Atwater.
Collector, E A. Lum.
Auditor, M. C. Keir
Tithingmen, J. W. DeForest, T Williams
Janitor, J. W. DeForest.
Sexton, George W. Burroughs.

EXPENSES FOR YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1900.

Pastor	$1,000.00
Sexton	125.00
Organist	168.00
Tuning organ	35.00
Blowing organ	15.00
Coal and oil	49.60
Collecting	28.86
Sundries	10.23
	$1,431.69

LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

President, Miss Addie Rider.
1st Vice-President, Mrs. C. C. Radford.
2d Vice-President, Mrs. S. W. Buckingham.
Secretary, Mrs. Ernest Taylor.
Treasurer, Mrs. C. J. Atwater.
Directresses, Mrs. S. R. Dean, Mrs. S. P. Camp, Mrs. T. B. Beach, Mrs. H. A. Campbell, Mrs. W. A. Baldwin, Mrs. V. H. McEwen.

REPORT OF MRS. ERNEST TAYLOR, SECY.

From Jan. 1st, 1900, to Jan. 1, 1901.

The Ladies have served a number of suppers during the year which have proved very successful, as the treasurer's report shows. These suppers are the main part of the work of the society. An election dinner and supper was served in the Town Hall on election day from 12 m. to 12 p. m. A rummage sale was conducted for one week, with the Methodist Ladies uniting, and this proved a success.

A number of improvements have been made in the parsonage at the society's expense.

Quite an interest has been manifested in missions. The proceeds of one supper was sent to India, through the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. A missionary box is being planned.

REPORT OF MRS. C. J. ATWATER,
Treasurer of the Ladies' Aid Society, from Jan. 1st, 1900, to Jan. 1st, 1901.

RECEIPTS.

From six suppers	$96.70
From entertainment	4.15
From election lunch	31.37
From rummage sale	86.08
From dues	1.00
Total	$219.30

PAYMENTS.

To Miss Sheldon, mission school	$5.00
For tuning piano	2.00
For repairs on parsonage	36.00
To W. B. F. Missions	13.89
For work and supplies	26.88
Total	$83.77

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendent, C. J. Atwater.
Fist Assistant Supt., W. N. Stevens.
Second Assistant Supt., M. C. Keir.
Secretary, Earl LeRoy French.
Treasurer, A. Y. Beach.
Librarian, Ernest Taylor.
Book Committee, Mrs. C. C. Radford, Mrs H. M. Barber, W. C. Sharpe, Ernest Taylor.

REPORT OF E. LEROY FRENCH, SECRETARY,
For the year ending Dec. 31, 1900.

Whole number of scholars enrolled	296
Number of teachers and officers	35
Total now enrolled	329
Largest attendance, April 15	220
Smallest attendance, Sept. 30	50
Average attendance, 46 Sundays	171

REPORT OF A. Y. BEACH, TREASURER,
Jan. 1, 1900, to Jan. 1, 1901.

DR.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1900	$ 9.25
Received collection to date	154.86
	$164.11

CR.

Paid for supplies, etc	$94.33
" Christmas expense	48.96
" Picnic tickets	1.00
Balance on hand	19.81
	$144.30

The Sunday School Library.

Report by Ernest Taylor, Librarian.

Number of books in catalogue	331
Average number in library	225
Average number exchanged weekly.	50
Binding in bad condition	60
Books unfit for use	10
Books in circulation	100

The library is in need of about 100 new juvenile books.

THE PARISH LIBRARY.

There is but one book missing from the library. The number of books drawn during the past year has been small compared with the previous year, especially the last half of the year. This is no doubt owing to the excellent public library of the town.

Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

OFFICERS.

Presidents, Miss Mary Hill.
Vice-President, Mrs. O. M. Williams.
Rec. Sec'y, Miss Jennie A. Maybury.
Cor. Sec'y, C. J. Atwater.
Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Cooper.
Pianist, Mrs. C. J. Atwater.

Report of Jennie A. Maybury, Sec'y.

The membership of the society is 84, 66 active, 11 associate and 7 honorary. Six of the members have united with the church the past year.

Y. P. S. C. E. prayermeetings have been held every Sunday evening. The largest attendance during the year was in the month of March, 90; the smallest attendance in the month of October, 50. The average attendance at our meetings has been 69.

A sunrise prayermeeting was held Thankgiving morning, with an attendance of 20.

The society has rented a church pew, which is known as the Christian Endeavor pew for strangers.

The missionary committee are doing a very interesting work, money having been sent to the Mt. Carmel children's home and to the famine stricken of India.

Report of O. M. Williams, Treasurer.

The Y. P. S. C. E. missionary work for the calendar year is as follows:

To Miss Richardson of Georgia	$10.00
To a needy family	5.00
To Mt. Carmel Home	5.00
For Indian Famine Relief	10.00
Total	$30.00
Cash on hand	$28.00
Pledged for one year from Oct. 1	$40.00

JUNIOR CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Report by Mrs. Ernest Taylor, Supt.

The Society numbers 35. Five of our Junior members united with the church the first Sunday in January, and three have united with the Young People's Society. From the penny collections at the regular meetings and from a lawn party given in the summer the sum of $13.00 was sent to the famine sufferers of India. The society is self-supporting and is doing a very important work of the church.

SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS

FOR BENEVOLENT PURPOSES.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS.

To Home Missionary Society	$15.00
For Foreign Missions	11.85
To the Woman's Board	10.95
For India Famine Relief	16.26
To American Missionary Assoc'n.	13.94
Collection for the Y. M. C. A.	6.50

BY THE Y. P. S. C. E.

Mission Work in Georgia	10 00
For needy Family	5 00
Mt. Carmel Home	5.00
India Famine Relief	10.00

BY THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

To Mission School	5.00
Woman's Board Foreign Missions	13.89

JUNIOR Y. P. S. C. E.

India Famine Relief	13.00
	129.89

Congregational Annual.

No. 10. SEYMOUR, CONN. JANUARY, 1902.

Seymour Congregational Church.

Organized Nov. 3, 1789.

REV. HOLLIS A. CAMPBELL, Pastor.

PASTORATE IN SEYMOUR BEGAN JAN. 1, 1892.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Sunday, 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Sundayschool after the morning service.

Christian Endeavor meeting Sunday evening at 6 o'clock.

Junior Christian Endeavor meeting Friday at 4:15 p. m.

Prayermeeting Thursday evening at 7:30.

SACRAMENTS.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is administered on the first Sabbath morning in Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept. and Nov.

At the annual meeting of the Church, held Jan. 15th, it was voted that collections be taken on the first Sundays of March, July and November as follows:

March, for Home Missions.

July, for Foreign Missions.

Nov., for American Missionary Assoc'n.

MOTTO FOR 1902.

"By love serve one another." Gal. 5:13.

Think on these things—

"Plan your life as if you had long to live; live it as if you expected to die soon."

"Not to be careless of God's desire."

"God is never in a hurry."

"The freshest truth is still the Will of God."

"Only now and then is found a man whose first thought is, how he can help God."

"If you intend to do a mean thing, wait till tomorrow; if you are to do a noble thing, do it now."—Dr. Guthrie.

"Thou cam'st not to thy place by accident; it is the very place God meant for thee."

"Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him, and he shall bring it to pass." Ps. 37:5.

PRAYER.

"Lord, I thank Thee for the light,
For Thy presence through the night;
Let Thy kindly spirit stay
With me through the passing day."

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH.

DEACONS—CHOSEN FOR FOUR YEARS.

Geo. W. French, term expires in 1903.
Geo. E. O'Meara, term expires in 1904.
Charles Maybury, term expires in 1905.
Edwin A. Lum, term expires in 1906.

CLERK, W. C. Sharpe.

TREASURER, C. J. Atwater.

AUDITOR, M. C. Keir.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE: Mrs. C. C. Radford, Miss Mary Hill, Oliver M Williams, Harry H. Parsons, M. C. Keir.

CHURCH COMMITTEE: This includes the officers of the church and the Prudential Committee.

REPORT OF THE PASTOR FOR 1901.

Number of families represented	250
Number of calls made in 1901	251
Number of funerals attended, church member 1, others 20, total	21
Number of marriages	1
Baptisms, adults 8, children 12, total	20
Members dropped	1
Letters granted	7
Deaths	2
Total loss	10
Members received	15
Number of members Jan. 1. 1902	255
Number received Jan. 5, 1902	5
Present membership	260

Resident members	228
Non-resident members	32
Number of male members	71
Number of female members	189

REPORT FOR TEN YEARS, JAN. 1, 1892, TO JAN. 10, 1902.

Number of sermons preached	890
Number of church services attended	1,920
Number of calls made, about	3,000
Number of members JAN. 1, 1892	193
Number of members Jan. 15, 1902	260
Number of members gained	67
Received on confession	110
Received by letter	45
Whole number received	155
Whole number removed by death and letters	88
Baptisms, adults 69, children 50, total	119
Number of marriages	80
Number of funerals attended	177

REPORT OF THE CLERK.

Number of members Jan 1, 1901	250
Withdrawn by letter	7

Carrie M. Searles, to Shelton
William R. Williams, to Derby.
Mrs. Sophia Rider, to Ansonia.
Miss Addie E Rider, to Ansonia.
Mrs. S. T. Thompson, to Bristol
Mrs. Hattie Bronson, to Beacon Falls.
Miss Harriet Lathrop, to Kingston, Pa.

Dropped from the list	1
Number of deaths	2

Mrs. Hannah Canfield, received Mar. 4, 1858; died May 19th, 1901, aged 85.

Mrs. Eliza A. Hurd, received July 3, 1887; died Feb. 24, 1901, aged 81 y, 8 m.

Fifteen members were received, three by letter and twelve on profession of faith.

Jan. 5—William H. Decker,
Mrs. William H. Decker,
Chester Herman Stevens,
Robert Malcolm Keir,
Frederick Weislogel,
Mrs. Mary Weislogel,
Anna May Weislogel,
Fanny Bell Conine,
Ann Elizabeth Maybury,
Herbert George O'Meara.

May 5—Thomas H. Charmbury,
Walter S. Williams,
Mrs. Clara Louise Williams,
Lillie Josephine Parsons.

Sept. 1—Ruby May Treat.

Number of members Jan. 1, 1902 255

REPORT of C. J. ATWATER, TREASURER, For the year ending Dec. 31, 1901.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1901	$3.42
Receipts from collections	75.70
Interest from savings bank	.24
Total	$79.36

PAYMENTS.

To Ministerial relief fund	$8 89
Dues to State Conference	8.56
To Home Missionary Society	14.35
To Home for colored orphans	4.67
For Foreign Missions	10.15
To American Missionary Asso'n	20.83
Dues to Naug. Valley Conference	2.14
For annuals and incidentals	10.25
Total	$79 84

THE ECCLESIASTICAL SOCIETY.

OFFICERS ELECTED APR. 23, 1901.

Prudential Committee, A. Y. Beach, G. W. French and O. M. Williams.
Clerk, T. B. Beach.
Treasurer, C. J. Atwater.
Collector. E. A. Lum.
Auditor, M. C. Keir.
Tithingmen, J. W. DeForest, Geo. E. O'Meara.
Janitor, J. W. DeForest.
Sexton, George W. Burroughs.
Ushers, E. LeRoy French, Charles McCabe, Russell Parsons, Leander Brown.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER, For year ending Apr. 23, 1901.

RECEIPTS.

From sliprents	$1,021.46
Collections	165.85
Contributions for debt of 1900	101.89
	$1,289.20

PAYMENTS.

On accts. of previous year		$375 01
On year 1900–1901,		
To pastor	$647.51	
To organist	108.50	
To janitor	72.89	
To P. H. Lampert	24.93	
To A. Y. Beach	36.50	
To E. L. Spencer	13.25	
To Treat & Shepherd	9.30	
Incidentals	1.30	— $914.18
Total		$1,289.19
Expenses prior to May 1st, 1900		$375.01
Debt contributions and collection prior to May 1st, 1900		$106.47
Receipts on old sliprent		219.36
		$325.83
Deficiency brought forward from previous year		$49.18
Outstanding bills to May 1, 1901—		
Rev. H. A. Campbell		$352.49
Janitor		52.11
Organist		59.50
P. H. Lampers		8.75
A. Y. Beach		21.60
O. D. Sykes		13.17
E. A. Lum, collector, est		27.00
Total		$534 62
Expenses for year, est.—		
Pastor		$1,000.00
Sexton		125 00
Organist		168.00
Organ tuning		33 69
Organ blowing		13.25
Coal, etc. $36.50, repairs 13.17		49.67
Music, Treat & Shepard Co		9.30
Collecting $27.00, printing $1.30		28.30
Total		$1,427.20

LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

The officers of the Ladies' Aid Society are—

President, Mrs. A. C. Dean
Vice President, Mrs. C. C. Radford.
Secretary, Mrs. Ernest Taylor.
Treasurer, Mrs. Clifford J. Atwater.
Directresses, Mrs. S. P. Camp, Mrs. T. B. Beach, Mrs. H. A. Campbell, Mrs. W. A. Baldwin, Mrs. V. H. McEwen, Mrs. E F. Hodge.

REPORT FROM JAN. 1, 1901, TO JAN. 1, 1902.

In looking back over our year's work, it is quite plain that our L. A. S. has not been idle. We have held suppers at intervals which were very well patronized and proved successful each time A barrel of clothing has been sent to a school in North Carolina for distribution among pupils who are very poor. A needy family of our church has been provided with sheets, pillow cases and comfortables. Some of these were donated by individuals. A two nights' fair was held in November and our treasurer's report shows that it was a success in every way. Much credit is due to the ladies of the church for the fair, everyone having responded very generously with donations and services. The ladies have had the church thoroughly cleaned, the dining room painted and cleaned, an oil heater purchased for heating the choir gallery, and a motor for the organ, which, under the supervision of Mr. Frank H. Beecher. was put in recently. The motor gives very good satisfaction and the ladies are very grateful to Mr. Beecher for his services. Much of the success of the oear's work of the society is due to the untiring efforts of our president, Mrs. A. C. Dean. A large amount of work has been planned for the remainder of the year, and we hope to accomplish that which our name implies—an aid to the church. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ERNEST TAYLOR, Sec'y.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR 1901.

RECEIPTS.

From five suppers	$91.89
Membership fees	2.75
Net proceeds from fair	171.76
Contributed toward water motor,	5.00
	$271.40

PAYMENTS.

For dishes	$16 48
Painting dining room	16.15
Window shade for dining room	1.48

Oil heater	7.50
Digging and laying tile	6.50
Tuning piano	2.50
Insurance (five years)	60.00
Work and supplies	27.36
Water motor	14.00
	$151.97

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendent, C. J. Atwater.
First Assistant Supt., W. N. Stevens.
Second Assistant Supt., M. C. Keir.
Secretary, Earl LeRoy French.
Treasurer, A. Y. Beach.
Librarian, Ernest Taylor.
Book Committee, Mrs. C. C. Radford, W. C. Sharpe, Ernest Taylor.

REPORT OF E. LEROY FRENCH, SECRETARY,
For the year ending Dec. 31, 1901.

Number of scholars enrolled	291
Number of officers and teachers	35
Total enrolled	326
Largest attendance, Jan. 16	222
Smallest attendance, May 19	45
Average attendance, 44 Sundays	167

REPORT OF A. Y. BEACH, TREASURER,
Jan. 1. 1901, to Jan. 1, 1902.

DR.

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1901	$19.81
Dec. 23 and 30, 1900, collections	23.03
Collections in 1901	123.20
Dec. 1900, bal. from Mrs H. A. C.	6.55
" 1901, " " "	2 01
	$174.62

CR.

Error in last balance	$2.33
Jan. 1901, Record Book	1.15
Jan. C. J. A. bills	29.36
I H. Tewksbury	67.22
May, O. M. Williams	5.16
June, Rev. H. A. C., bibles	2 75
C. J. A	5.00
July, M. C. Keir, picnic	17.15
Dec., Mrs. H. A. C	25.00
Balance	19.50
	$174 62
Unpaid bill J. H. T	$ .66
" " Ap. of G	15.00
	$15.66

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LIBRARY.

The Sundayschool Committee of the C. E S. raised fiftytwo dollars with which to purchase books for the Sundayschool. Sixty books having been purchased and a number given by the "book club," also some taken from the Parish Library, will give over one hundred additional books for the Sundayschool.

Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

OFFICERS.

President, Mr. Oliver Williams.
Vice President, Miss Mary Anthony.
Rec. Sec'y, Miss Jennie Maybury.
Cor. Sec'y, Mr. C. J. Atwater.
Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Cooper.
Pianist, Miss Selena Edwards.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

The membership of the society is 90; active 68, associate 15, honorary 7.

Prayermeetings have been held every Sunday. The average attendance at these meetings was 54. A sunrise prayermeeting was held Thanksgiving morning with an attendance of 16

The society has given $25 toward the church debt. The Endeavorers have rented a church pew, to which all strangers are invited.

A very interesting feature of our work is the missionary work.

REPORT OF M. A. HILL, TREASURER,
For the year 1901.

The Y. P. S. C. E missionary work for the calendar year is as follows:

Made comfortables for two needy families.	
To ministerial relief fund	$10.00
To C. J. Atwater, on church debt	25.00
To Sundayschool library fund	10.00
Total	$45.00
Cash on hand	$10.61
Pledged for one year from Oct. 1	$41.40

JUNIOR CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

REPORT OF MRS. ERNEST TAYLOR, SUPT.

We have a membership of 49. $5.00 has been given for missions. The past year several of our Junior members have united with the church and connected themselves with the Y. P. S. C E. The officers of the Society are—

President—Ruth Cornforth.
Vice President—Florence O'Meara.
Secretary—Margaret Keir.
Treasurer—Daisy Zwick.

Congregational Annual.

No. 11. SEYMOUR, CONN. January, 1903.

Seymour Congregational Church.

Organized Nov. 3, 1789.

REV. HOLLIS A. CAMPBELL, Pastor.

PASTORATE IN SEYMOUR BEGAN JAN. 1, 1892.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Sunday, 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Sundayschool after the morning service.

Christian Endeavor meeting Sunday evening at 6 o'clock.

Junior Christian Endeavor meeting Friday at 4:16 p. m.

Prayermeeting Thursday evening at 7:30.

SACRAMENTS.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is administered on the first Sabbath morning in Jan., Mar., May., July, Sept. and Nov.

At the annual meeting of the Church, held Jan. 15th, it was voted that collections be taken on the first Sundays of March, July and November as follows:

March, for Home Missions.

July, for Foreign Missions.

Nov., for American Missionary Assoc'n.

The remaining communion offerings are for church expenses.

Motto for 1902.

If ye abide in my word, then are ye truly my disciples: and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. John 8, 31, 32.

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH.

Clerk, W. C. Sharpe.

Treasurer, C. J. Atwater.

Auditor, M. C. Keir.

Prudential Committee: Albert Swan, Oliver M. Williams, H. H. Parsons, Mrs. A. C. Dean, Mrs. C. C. Radford.

Deacons—Chosen for Four Years.

Geo. E. O'Meara, term expires in 1904.

Charles Maybury, term expires in 1905.

Edwin A. Lum, term expires in 1906.

Wm. B. Nichols, term expires in 1907.

Church Committee: This includes the officers of the church and the Prudential Committee.

Librarian of Parish Library, Mrs. Ernest Taylor.

Report of Pastor for 1902.

Number of families represented	250
Number of calls made in 1902	255
Number of funerals attended, church members 4, others 15, total	19
Number of marriages	9
Baptisms, adults 8, children 1, total	9
Deaths	4
Total loss	4
Received by letter, 2; confession, 7	9
Members Jan. 1, '02, m. 69, f 186	255
Members Jan. 1, '03, m. 71, f 189	260
Members received Jan. 4, 1903	19
Members Jan. 15, 1903, m. 64, f. 205	279
Resident members	247
Non resident	32

Report of W. C. Sharpe, Clerk,

For the year ending Dec. 31, 1902.

Number of Members Jan. 1, 1902 255

Withdrawn by letter, none.

Dropped from the list, none.

Number of deaths 4

Mrs. Sarah M. Lines, received June 29, 1876; died in Torrington April 12.

Mrs. Jane E. Losee, received May 1, 1875; died Sept 28, aged 73 years.

Mrs. Julia A. Thayer, received March 1, 1874; died May 17, 1902, aged 62 years.

Mrs. Catharine Anthony Lombra, received Jan 5, 1896; died Nov. 3, aged 28 years.

Nine members were received in 1902, two by letter and eight on profession of faith.

Jan. 5. Agnes Elizabeth Stewart.
Mabel Emma Halligan.
Emma Irene Mason.
Herbert Williams.
Treat Hubbell, (from Derby,)

July 6. Alice Mabel Botsford.
Lillie May Squires.
Eva Viola Squires.

Nov. 2. Emma T. Dodd, from Paxton, Mass.

Total membership Jan. 1, 1903.....260

The following were received Jan. 4, 1903.

Mrs. Lida Maria Palmer Hotchkiss, by letter from Westville, Ct.

Mrs. Helen Warner, by letter from Leavenworth, Kas.

Mrs. Anna Harris, from Swansea, Wales.

Mrs. A. H. Sampson.
Mrs. Kate M. Wyant.
Sarah Rebecca Evans.
Ethel Olive Beach.
Ruth Gertrude Cornforth.
Etta Mae Nichols.
Margaret Ewald Keir.
Daisy Mae Zwick.
Lottie Ray VanDeusen.
Eva Sponheimer.
Margaret Thompson.
Charles Russell Warner.
Harry Frederick Manweiler.
Thomas Williams.
Mary Clark.
Mrs. August Demske. —19

REPORT OF C. J. ATWATER, TREASURER,
For the year ending Dec. 31, 1902.

Receipts from collections.....$63.58

PAYMENTS.

Balance against church Jan. '02...	$ .48
For handbooks	1.75
For church annuals	5.00
For question cards	1.50
Dues to State Conference	7.60
For Communion Wine	3.75
To Tuckegee Institute	7.46
Missionary Society of Conn.	9.45
American Missionary Association.	10.63
For foreign missions	16.61
Total	$64.23
Less receipts	63.58
Balance	.65

THE ECCLESIASTICAL SOCIETY.

OFFICERS ELECTED APR. 15, 1902.

Prudential Committee, M. C. Keir, O. M. Williams and Russell Parsons.
Clerk, Albert Swan
Treasurer, C. J. Atwater.
Collector, E. A. Lum.
Auditor, W. C. Sharpe.
Tithingmen, J. W. DeForest, H. H. Parsons.
Janitor, J. W. DeForest.
Ushers, Russell Parsons, Charles McCabe, Chester Stevens, Arthur Maybury.
Agent for Cemetery, C. J. Atwater.
Sexton, George W. Burroughs.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.
For the year ending Apr. 14th, 1902.

RECEIPTS.

From pew rents	$1,025.88
Collections	234.34
Special gifts for church debt	305.00
Cash at beginning of year	.02
	$1,565.24

PAID ON BILLS OUTSTANDING MAY 1ST, 1901.

Rev. H. A. Campbell	$352.48
Miss H. H. Bristol	56.00
John W. DeForest	52.10
E. A. Lum	26.08
A. Y. Beach	21.60
O. D. Sykes	13.17
P. H. Lampert	10.50
C. J. Atwater	1.00
E. L. Spencer	1.00
	$533.93

PAID ON BILLS ACCRUING SINCE MAY 1, 1901.

Rev. H. A. Campbell, Pastor	$686.78
Miss H. H. Bristol, Organist	91.00
John W. DeForest, Sexton	72.94
S. H. Culver, insurance	45.00
C. J. Atwater, insurance	27.00
A. Y. Beach, coal and incidentals.	34.50
O. D. Sykes, repairs	33 65
E. C. Sharpe B. & L. Co., repairs	10.32
P. H. Lampert, tuning organ	21.87
E. L. Spencer, blowing organ	6.75
W. C. Sharpe, printing	1.50
	$1,031.31
Payments of old bills	533.93
	$1,565.24

Outstanding bills to May 1, 1902, $511.67.

EXPENSES MAY 1ST, 1901, TO MAY 1ST, 1902.

Pastor's salary	$1,000.00
Organist	168.00
Sexton	125.00

Insurance 3 years		72.00
Repairs		43.97
Tuning organ		35.00
Coal, etc		59.25
Blowing organ		13.72
Printing		1.50
Collecting		26.00
		$1,544.44
Pew rents	$1,043.80	
Collections	234.34	—1,278,14
Deficiency		$266.30

THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

The officers of the Ladies' Aid Society are—

President, Mrs A. C. Dean.
1st Vice President, Mrs. T. B. Beach.
2d Vice President, Mrs. S. P. Camp.
Secretary, Mrs. Ernest Taylor.
Treasurer, Mrs. C. J. Atwater.
Directresses, Mrs. W A. Baldwin Mrs. V H. McEwen, Mrs. E. F Hodge Mrs. H A. Campbell, Mrs. Eugene Wyant, Mrs. W. N. Stevens.

Report of the Secretary

For the year ending Dec. 31, 1902.

The ladies of our church look back with a great deal of satisfaction upon the year just closed, for we have accomplished a long talked of improvement to the chnrch, the putting in of steam heat. Since our fair in 1901 the ladies have worked faithfully, serving suppers, and in Oct., 1902, a fair held cleared for the ladies $318.47. This amount with what we already had in the treasury enabled us to put the heater in before cold weather, and the attendants at our services have already enjoyed the comforts of a warm church.

The kitchen has been thoroughly cleaned and painted, new cupboards, tables and a sink put in, and other improvements made. The parlor of the church has been painted aad carpeted. The Y. P. S. C E. gave $25.00 towards this. The ladies met on the church lawn one day in the early fall and turned, patched and sewed the carpets of the church and had also a thorough housecleaning.

A sewer costing $25.00, to carry off waste water, also for the use of the parsonage, has been made at our expense, The society has improved socially, as many all day sessions have been held, and since our fair in October about 20 comfortables have been tacked, besides other sewing.

A Missionary Tea was held in March and $70.00 was given to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions.

The ladies are sending a sum of money to Jacksonville, Fla., to help furnish a new church which will replace one burned down during the fire which destroyed so many houses and churches.

We feel that the Lord has prospered us during the year past and hope with His help to accomplish a greater work the coming year.

Mrs. Ernest Taylor, Sec'y.

Report of the Treasurer.

From Jan. 1, 1902 to Jan. 1, 1903

RECEIPTS.

From three suppers	$63 35
From F. H. Beecher, for motor	25.00
From Y. P. S. C. E. toward parlor carpet	25.00
Collected toward cleaning church	21.12
Membership fees	5.25
Net proceeds from fair	318.47
For work	1.75
	$459.94

PAYMENTS.

For organ motor	$90.00
For motor house	12.50
For water meter	14.00
For plumbing	55 00
To W. B. Foreign Missions	10.00
For work on sewer	25.00
Paint, &c	17 67
Painting	15.50
Cleaning church	25.70
W. L. Ward, carpet and work	59.20
Paid on furnace	500.00
Carpenter work and material	26.66
Supplies, &c	12.62
	$863.85

Jennie T. Atwater, Treas.

THE SUNDAYSCHOOL.

Superintendent, C. J. Atwater.
1st Asst. Supt., W. N Stevens.
2d Asst Supt., M. C. Kier.
Secretary, Russell Parsons.
Librarian, Ernest Taylor
Book Committee, Mrs. Radford, W. C. Sharpe and Ernest Taylor.

Report of Russell Parsons, Secretary,

For the year ending Dec. 31, 1902

Number of scholars enrolled	302
Number of officers and teachers	38
Total enrolled	340
Largest attendance, Dec 28	215
Smallest attendance, Feb. 2	51
Average attendance, 44 Sundays	148

REPORT OF A. Y. BEACH, TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

Balance Jan. 1, 1902	$22.07
From collections	108.28
From Mrs. Campbell	4.17
	$134.52

PAYMENTS.

Am. Tract Society for supplies	$15.00
For books	6 00
For catalogues	6.00
O. H. Tewksbury	17.40
Cards	2.75
J. Wood & Son	7.30
M. C. Kurl Home	1.00
J. H. Tewksbury	33.84
Mrs. H. A. Campbell	25.00
Total	$114 29
Balance	20.23
	$134.52

Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

OFFICERS.

President, Miss Mary Anthony.
Vice President, W. N. Stevens.
Rec. Sec'y, Miss J. A. Maybury.
Cor. Sec'y, C. J. Atwater.
Treasurer, Morris Pearson.
Supt. of Juniors, Mrs. Ernest Taylor.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

The membership of the society is 98: active 76, associate 15, honorary 7.

Meetings are held every Sunday evening, with an average attendance of 60.

The society has given $25 towards the church debt, also $25 toward cleaning the church.

Sunrise prayer meeting was held Thanksgiving morning.

The society has rented a pew in the church, to which all strangers are invited.

The Endeavorers are striving to do a good work and are earnestly working for Christ and the church.

A special work of the society is being done by the Missionary Committee.

JENNIE A. MAYBURY, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Cash on deposit Jan 1, '02	$46.48
Cash on hand Jan. 1, '02	11.74
From collections	10.50
Interest on deposit	1.41
From social committee	10.10
	$80 23

PAYMENTS.

To floral committee	$ 6.10
Pew rent	25.00
For record book	1.00
For topic cards	4.00
Delegate's expenses	1.68
On church debt	10.00
On church repairs	25.00
Chair	5.00
	$77.78
Cash on hand $1.56	
On deposit .89	$2.45
	$80.23

MORRIS A. PEARSON, Treas.

REPORT OF M. A. HILL, TREASURER of Y. P. S. C. E. Missionary Committee. Jan., 1902, to Jan., 1903.

The Y. P. S. C. E. missionary work for the calendar year is as follows:

To ministerial relief fund	$10.00
To a Cong. Church in Kansas, to help pay a debt	1.00
To C. J. Atwater, towards our church debt	15.00
Money given by Sundayschool committee for the picnic	10.00
Blankets for a needy family	2.25
To a worthy person	10.00
Total	$48.25
Cash on hand	5.80

JUNIOR CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR
Report of Supt.

Our Junior Society numbers 51, 10 active and 41 associate members. The average attendance for 1902 was 30. Five of our Juniors have united with the church the past year, and two will graduate into the Y. P. S. C. E. at the next business meeting. Three dollars have been given, from penny collections taken at each meeting, to the Mt. Carmel Children's Home, and flowers have been sent to gladden the heart of a sick girl. Meetings are held every Friday after school.

MRS. ERNEST TAYLOR, Supt.

Summary of contributions for mission work and charity.

Connecticut mission work	$9 45
American Missionary Association.	10.63
Woman's B'd of Foreign Missions	80 00
American B'd of Foreign Missions	16 61
Tuskegee Institute	7.46
Kansas church	1 00
To needy families in Seymour	12.25
Fund for ministers	10.00
Mt. Carmel children's home	3 00
From the Sundayschool $18 91	
Junior Christian Endeavor. 3 00	$21.91
	$169 31

Congregational Annual.

No. 11. SEYMOUR, CONN. JANUARY, 1904.

Seymour Congregational Church.

Organized Nov. 3, 1789.

REV. HOLLIS A. CAMPBELL, Pastor.

PASTORATE IN SEYMOUR BEGAN JAN 1, 1892.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Sunday 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Sundayschool after the morning service.

Christian Endeavor meeting Sunday evening at 6 o'clock.

Junior Christian Endeavor meeting Friday at 4:15 p. m.

Prayermeeting Thursday evening at 7.30.

SACRAMENTS.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is administered on the first Sabbath morning in Jan., Mar., May July, Sept. and Nov.

At the annual meeting of the Church, held Jan. 15th, it was voted that collections be taken on the first Sundays of March, July and November as follows:

March, for Home Missions.

July, for Foreign Missions.

Nov., for American Missionary Assoc'n

The remaining communion offerings are for church expenses

MOTTO FOR 1904.

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.—John 15: 17.

This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you.—John 15: 12.

Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.—Matt. 7: 12.

REPORT OF PASTOR FOR 1903.

Number of families represented	250
Number of funerals attended, church members, 1: others 17: total,	18
Number of marriages	9
Baptisms, adults 7, children 3; total,	10
Removals by death, 1; others, 4; .... (m. 1, f. 4) total	5
Members received by letter, 8; confession, 17 (m. 6, f. 19); total	25
Members Jan. 1, '03	260
Members Jan. 1, '04 (m. 76, f. 204)	280
Net increase	20
Number of resident members	245
Non-resident	35

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH.

(Annual Meeting held Jan. 14).

CLERK, W. C. Sharpe.

TREASURER, C. J. Atwater.

AUDITOR, M. C. Keir.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE, Albert Swan, Oliver M. Williams, H. H, Parsons, Mrs. A. C. Dean, Mrs. T. B. Beach.

DEACONS—CHOSEN FOR FOUR YEARS.

Charles Maybury, elected 1901.

Edwin A. Lum, elected 1902.

William B. Nichols, elected 1903.

George E. O'Meara, elected 1904.

REPORT OF THE CLERK.

For the year 1903.

The number of members Jan 1 was 260. Twentyfive members were received during the year, 8 by letter and 17 on profession of faith. The names of the 19 received Jan. 4th, 1903, were given in the last Annual. Mr. and Henry Baker were received March 1st by letter from Danbury; Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Hall May 3d, from Fair Haven; Mrs. Ellen E. Conine from Catskill, N. Y.; and Charles A. Maybury on profession.

Four members have withdrawn by letter: Mrs Sarah A Hubbell, to Port Chester, N. Y.; Mrs. Ruby May Coburn, to New Haven; and Mr. and Mrs Henry B. Treat to the Great Hill church: and there has been one death, Mrs. Julia A. Canfield,

who was received Sept. 19, 1869, and died Jan. 3, 1893, aged 93 years; leaving the number 260 on the first of January, 1904.

REPORT OF THE CHURCH TREASURER.

1903. DR.		
Jan. 4th, collection		$10.08
March 1st,	"	10.27
March 22d;	" (special p. m.	5.43
May 3d,	"	5.19
July 5th,	"	14.78
Sept. 6th,	"	5.56
Nov. 1st,	"	12.11
		$53.42

1903. CR.	
Balance due Treasurer, Jan. 1st,	$ .65
Paid for communion wine	3.90
Jan. 2d, for 150 handbooks, 1903	1.75
Jan. 31, for printing 400 annuals	5.00
March 3, Home Missionary Society (W. B. Howlands)	10.27
April 17, Ministerial Relief Fund	5.43
June 30, dues to Naugatuck Valley Conference	2 28
July 10, A B. C. F. M.	14.78
Sept. 11, dues to State Conference	7.81
Nov. 14, American Missionary Association	12.11
Dec. 22, for 150 handbooks, 1904	1.75
	$65.73
Balance due treasurer Jan. 1st, 1904,	2.31

C. J. ATWATER, Treasurer.

THE ECCLESIASTICAL SOCIETY.

OFFICERS ELECTED APR. 23, 1903.

Clerk, Albert Swan.
Treasurer, C. J Atwater.
Prudential Committee, M. C. Keir, E. G. Wheeler, H. H. Parsons.
Collector, E. A. Lum.
Tythingmen, J. W. DeForest, Thomas Williams.
Auditor, W. C. Sharpe.
Janitor, J. W DeForest.
Agent for Cemetery, C. J. Atwater.
Sexton, G. W. Burroughs.

REPORT OF ALBERT SWAN, CLERK.

At the annual meeting, held April 23d, the church being in debt to the amount of $449.74, the committee was instructed to borrow $300.00, and a committee consisting of Albert Swan, H. H. Parsons and H. N. Stevens was appointed to consider the envelope system. A vote of thanks was extended to the choir.

At a meeting held May 19th it was voted to adopt the envelope system for collections.

At a meeting held June 2 a report was received on the condition of the church, and it was voted that the society hold monthly meetings, the meetings to be held on the first Monday evening of each month.

The church spire was struck by lightning Aug. 25th, and was considerably damaged. Several meetings were held to consult in regard to the best course to be pursued.

On September 3d it was voted to replace the spire with a dome, and that the society's committee have charge of the building. It was asked that suggestions and plans be submitted at a meeting to be held Sept. 14th. At this meeting designs were submitted and action was deferred until the 21st, when one of the designs was adopted, and the meeting was adjourned to allow time for preparing a scale drawing and specifications.

At a meeting held Sept. 28th it was voted to adopt plans and specifications drawn by E. C. Sharpe and to add $2,000 to the insurance on the church.

On Nov. 9th the society's committee reported giving the contract for building the dome to Charles Kempf for $294.00.

The amount pledged on the envelope system was $397.29. The collections in previous years had averaged about $235.00, consequently the new system is resulting in a considerable increase.

REPORT OF C. J. ATWATER, TREASURER,
Ecclesiastical Society Year 1902-3.

RECEIPTS.

E. A. Lum, Col., pew rents 1902-3		$820.75
" " " 1901-2		151.65
" " " 1900-01		9.00
Total pew rents,		$981.40
Sunday collections (mornings	$186.30	
Sunday collections (evenings)	46.10	232.40
From Rev. H. A. Campbell:		
April 30,	$50.00	
August 4	9.33	
December 1	5 00	
April 22, 1902	30.00	94.33
Y. P. S. C. E.	$10.00	
" Missionary Com.	15.00	25.00
Contributions for church debt from from individuals of church and parish		155.00
Total receipts		$1,488.13

PAYMENTS FOR BILLS INCURRED PRIOR TO May 1st, 1902.

H. A. Campbell	$313.22
Miss H. H. Bristol	77.00
J. W. DeForest.	31.26
E. A. Lum, collector	25.65
A. Y. Beach, coal	24.75
H. P. Lampert	10.67
O. D. Sykes	8 00
Water rent	7.27
Total bills prior to May 1, 1902,	$497 82

PAYMENTS ON BILLS INCURRED SINCE May 1, 1902.

H. A. Campbell, pastor	$729.32
Mrs. H. H. Bristol, organist	91.00
J. W. DeForest, sexton	72.94
The James Swan Co., coal	47.50
A. Y. Beach, coal	3 25
Water rent to Nov. 1	12.16
Lampert, to July 1	5.33
Mrs. Dean, sundries	2.88
Geo. Signor, wood	2.25
W. C. Sharpe, printing	3.00
H. G. Wheeler, sewer	19.00
C. J. Atwater, stamps and envelopes	1.68
Bills paid, incurred since May 1, 1902 $990 31	
Bills paid, incurred before May 1. 1902 497.82	
Total payments	$1,488.13

ESTIMATE OF UNPAID BILLS TO MAY 1, 1903.

Rev. H A. Campbell	$270.68
J. W. DeForest	52.06
Miss H. H. Bristol	77.00
Lum, collector	25.00
Water rent	15.00
Sundries	10.00
	$449.74
Amount on hand from sale of lots in Congregational cemetery	$91.36
Paid during year for repairs of cemetery fence	27.50

THE LADIES AID SOCIETY.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

From Jan. 1st, 1903, to Jan. 1st, 1904.

The year just closed proved a very successful one in the history of our society, our principal work for the year being in serving suppers. Many all day sessions have been held at which a large number of comfortables were tacked and other sewing done

The society has purchased new hymn books for the choir, had alterations made in the kitchen, the piano tuned, shared the expense of repairing the organ motor, and sent the receipts of one supper to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions

On March 25th we served an orange tea and held a sale of fancy and useful articles. A missionary meeting was held in the church in the afternoon, and Mrs. W. H. Fairchild, of New Haven, addressed the ladies. There were present a number of Ansonia ladies.

The Society realizes that without the generous support of the church people it would be unable to accomplish what it did, and wish to extend to all their heartiest thanks.

The officers (elected Sept. 30th) are :
President, Mrs S. P. Camp.
First Vice President, Mrs. T. B. Beach.
2d Vice President, Mrs. Martha Harris.
Secretary, Mrs. Ernest Taylor.
Treasurer, Mrs. Clifford J. Atwater.
Directresses : Mrs. V. H. McEwen, Mrs. E. F. Hodge, Mrs. W. N. Stevens, Mrs. E. A. Wyant, Mrs Catherine Warner.
Collector, Mrs. E. F. Hodge.
Social Committee, Mrs. George Wyant, Miss Lavinia Wheeler, Miss Harriet Chamberlin.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Jan. 1903 to Jan. 1904.

From nine suppers,	$233.36
For work,	16.42
For fees,	5.55
	$255.33

PAYMENTS.

Painting kitchen,	$10.50
Wm. Harris,	4.42
E. K. Tomlinson,	2.35
Balance on furnace	31 60
Anthem books,	7.50
W. B. F. M.	12.00
Cocoa matting,	21.09
Tuning piano,	2.00
Work	14.50
Supplies,	50.51
	$156.47

JENNIE T. ATWATER, Treas.

THE SUNDAYSCHOOL.

SUPERINTENDENT, C. J. Atwater.
1st ASSISTANT, Wm N. Stevens.
2d ASSISTANT, M. C. Keir.
SECRETARY, Russell M. Parsons.
TREASURER, M. C. Keir.
LIBRARIAN, Ernest Taylor.
BOOK COMMITTEE, Mrs. Radford, W. C. Sharpe and Ernest Taylor.

REPORT OF RUSSELL M. PARSONS, SEC'Y.

For the Year 1903.

Number of scholars enrolled	313
Number of officers and teachers	38
Total enrolled	351
Largest attendance	210
Smallest attendance	53
Average attendance	144

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

Collections	$114 16
Picnic Surplus,	20 72

On hand, Jan'y 20, '03	5.23
Total,	$140.11

PAYMENTS.

Sundayschool Periodicals, ...	$83.15
Supt. for music and incidentals..	15 60
Mrs. Campbell, for Bibles.....	3.00
Mrs. Campbell, Christmas presents	20.75
To Secretary for record book.....	.80
Balance on hand.....	16.81
	$140.11

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

(For the Year 1903.)

At our semi-annual meeting held Oct. 6th, 1903, we elected the following officers:

President, Miss Mary Hill.
Vice President, W. H. Stevens.
Recording Sec., Miss May Dorman.
Corresponding Sec., C. J. Atwater.
Junior Supt,, Mrs. Ernest Taylor.

Chairmen of Committees:

Lookout, Mrs. W. N. Stevens.
Prayermeeting, Miss Jennie Maybury.
Social, Morris Pearson.
Sundayschool, Oliver M. Williams.
Missionary, Miss Eva O'Meara.
Temperance, Chester Stevens
Flower, Miss Florence O'Meara
Calling, Mrs. T. C. Peck.

Our society numbers 71 active and 10 associate members. We regret very much to say that 5 of our members have been dropped for non-attendance, but four new members have been added to our list. We have our eight committees, and some good work has been done during the past year.

The Social Committee gave an entertainment last March, and the proceeds were $15.68. In May another social was given and $10.40 was cleared. On July 3 a lawn party and entertainment was given and the amount taken in was $7.80.

On Sept 25th we celebrated our 15th anniversary by holding a union meeting and had several speeches. A historical sketch of the society was also given.

On Thanksgiving Eve we held a pound social and the provisions received were taken to the poor.

The Flower Committee have placed flowers in the church every Sunday, and have trimmed the church when concerts have been given by the Sundayschool.

We have held a business meeting every month with the exception of one, and all reports have been handed in.

Our society has just procured 50 new hymn books in place of our old ones, which will help us in all our meetings.

In the coming year we sincerely hope to do better work and be more faithful on our committees, and with God's help we will be strengthened and be more willing to work for our Lord and Master.

MAY I. DORMAN, Secretary.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

The Christian Endeavor Society has given, through its missionary committee, during the last year:

For Foreign Missions.....	$10.00
American Missionary Association.....	10.00
Ministerial Relief Fund.....	10.00
Sunshine Society.....	5.00

The proceeds of a social held in November were used to provide Thanksgiving dinners for several poor families. Respectfully sumitted,

EVA J. O'MEARA,
Chairman of Missionary Committe.

THE JUNIOR ENDEAVOR SOCIETY.

Report for the Year ending Dec. 1st. 1903.

Number of active members, 9.

Number of associate members, 21.

Our meetings are held Fridays at 4:15, excepting in the summer months. We gave $3 for missions and have $5 on hand for the same cause. All this is from the penny collections taken at each meeting. We hope in the year to come that we will be able to do more for our Master and live for Christ and the Church.

JEAN KEIR, Secretary.

MRS. ERNEST TAYLOR, Supt.

SUMMARY OF BENEVOLENCES.

For Foreign Missions.		
Per the Church Treasurer.....	$14.78	
By the Y. P. S. C. E.....	10.00	
By the Junior Y. P. S. C. E.....	3.00	
By the Ladies' Aid Society.....	12.00	
		$39.78
For Home Missions.		
Per the Church Treasurer.....	$22.38	
By the Y. P. S. C. E.....	10.00	
		32.38
Ministerial Relief Fund.		
Per the Church Treasurer.....	$5.43	
By the Y. P. S. C. E.....	10.00	15.43
Sunshine Society Work.		
By the Y. P. S. C. E.....		5.00
Total		$92.59

Various publications relating to the church work during the past year have been as follows:

A printed statement of the finances of the Society was circulated by the Society's committee under date of Jan. 31, 1903, and a second under date of May 1.

The historical sketch of the Y. P. S. C. E. written by the Secretary, Miss Mae Dorman, and read at the 15th anniversary of that society, was published in the SEYMOUR RECORD Oct. 1st. 1903.

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No. 13. SEYMOUR, CONN. JANUARY, 1905.

Seymour Congregational Church.

Organized Nov 3, 1789

REV. J. F. JOHNSTON, P H. D. Pastor.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Sunday 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Sundayschool after the morning service.

Christian Endeavor meeting Sunday evening at 6 o'clock.

Junior Christian Endeavor meeting Friday at 4:15 p. m.

Midweek meeting Thursday evening at 7:30.

SACRAMENTS.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is administered on the first Sabbath morning in Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept. and Nov.

At the annual meeting of the Church it was voted that collections be taken on the first Sundays of March, July and November as follows:

March, for Home Missions.

July, for Foreign Missions.

Nov., for American Missionary Association.

The remaining communion offerings are for church expenses.

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH.

CLERK, W. C. Sharpe.

TREASURER, C. J. Atwater.

AUDITOR, M. C. Keir.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE, Albert Swan, Oliver M. Williams, H. H. Parsons, Mrs. A. C. Dean, Mrs. T. B. Beach.

DEACONS—CHOSEN FOR FOUR YEARS.

Edwin A. Lum, elected 1902.

William B. Nichols, elected 1903.

George E. O'Meara, elected 1904.

Charles Maybury, elected 1905.

REV. JOHN F. JOHNSTON.

REPORT OF THE CLERK.

For the year 1904.

The number of names on the list of members Jan. 1, 1904, was 280. Seven withdrew by letter during the year, and eight names were dropped from the list April 28th, some of them having joined another church in town, and others having been away from town for many years.

Four members have died during the year.

Mrs. Grace E. Lester died Jan. 22d, aged 72 years. She had been a member of the church more than 45 years, having been received into membership May 9, 1858, at the same time as her husband, her reception as a church member antedating that of any other surviving member of the church.

Miss Ida Evelyn Chamberlin died Mar. 16th, aged 22 years. She was received into membership Jan. 2, 1898, and had been a faithful member of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor and a most highly appreciated member of the choir.

Mrs. W. C. Sharpe died Mar. 30th, aged 61 years. She had been a faithful church member from her youth and in earlier years, when health and strength permitted, had been very efficient in church work.

Richard R. Pearson died May 3d, aged 30 years. He was received Jan. 5, 1896. He was one of the earnest and reliable young men of this community.

Three members were received Nov. 6th:

Miss Mary Jane Clark,

Miss Florence Abigail O'Meara,

Miss Jean Lovel.

Making the number of names on the list Jan. 1, 1905, 263. Of this number 44 are nonresidents, leaving 219 resident members.

The number of nonresident members given a year ago was estimated by another and proves to have been erroneous. A careful examination of the list shows that there were not less than 59 nonresident members Jan. 1, 1904, leaving the number of resident members at that time as 221.

At the annual meeting the following resolution was unanimously voted to Mr. James Swan for his many liberal gifts to the church and especially for the gift of the entire parish library to which he has now made a large and very valuable addition.

"We the assembled members and adherents of the Seymour Congregational Church herewith desire to express their deep gratitude and sincere appreciation to Mr. James Swan for his beneficence toward this congregation at sundry times, and at this time in particular for his gift to the Parish Reference Library of the Expositors' Bible in 49 volumes, together with a Bible Dictionary."

Attest, W. C. SHARPE, CLERK.

REPORT OF C. J. ATWATER, CHURCH TREASURER

For the year 1904.

Receipts from collections	$53.10

EXPENDITURES.

Balance against church Jan. 1st, 1904	2.31
Communion wine	2.85
Church annuals and order of service	7.00
One half cost of hymn books for church parlors	6.25
Sundayschool and Publishing Society	3.65
Home Missionary Society	10.65
Am. Board commissioners foreign missions	11.31
American Missionary Association	7.38
Total expenditures	$51.40
Cash on hand Jan. 1st, 1905	1.70

THE ECCLESIASTICAL SOCIETY.

OFFICERS ELECTED JAN. 13, 1905.

Clerk, Albert Swan.

Treasurer, C. J. Atwater.

Society's Committee, M. C. Keir, E. G. Wheeler, H. H. Parsons.

Collector, E. A. Lum.

Tythingmen, J. W. DeForest, William Harris,

Auditor, W. C. Sharpe,

Janitor, J. W. DeForest.

Agent for Cemetery, C. J. Atwater.

Sexton, G. W. Burroughs.

REPORT OF ALBERT SWAN, SOCIETY CLERK.

The resignation of our pastor, Rev. H. A. Campbell, on April 19, 1904, made the choice of another necessary, and at a meeting held May 31st it was voted to ask the Rev. J. F. Johnston to act as pastor for two months.

At a meeting held July 8th a vote was passed that the society, acting in connection with the church, should engage Rev. J. F. Johnston for one year beginning August 1 1904.

Electric lights were placed in the church and parsonage and are greatly appreciated by the congregation.

The envelope system for contribution has been generally accepted and approved. there being sixtyeight pledges received which amounted to $279.24, and on January 1st there was due $3.30 to that date. It is earnestly asked that all give their aid in this work as it gives a pledged amount that the church can depend on receiving.

A collector was not elected at the annual meeting as it was hoped that the health of our former collector would improve to the extent that he could carry on the faithful work that he has done in the past.

The society appreciating the excellent work of the choir, extended a vote of thanks, and asked that they continue for another year.

Five new members were received into the society during the year, which makes the total membership fiftysix.

REPORT OF C. J. ATWATER, SOCIETY TREASURER

April, 1903, to April 19, 1904.

RECEIPTS.

From sliprents	$903.76
From collections	198.90
Special contributions toward church debt	146.00
Contributions by envelope plan	248.73
Total	$1,497.39
Loan from Valley National Bank	300.00
	$1,797.39

EXPENDITURES.

Bills due on or before May 1, 1903	$456.00
Bills accrued since May 1, 1903:	
Rev. H. A. Campbell	$879.30
To sexton $72.94, organist $98.50, printing $8.	179.44
Interest $8.73, on note $100	108.73
Expense of envelope system	16.53
Plans for tower	9.00
Coal $50.75, water rent $26.10	76.85
Work on chimney, etc.	20.65
Additional insurance on church for $1,000.	15.00
	$1,305.50
Bills accrued since May 1, 1904	
Culverwell & Burns' work,	$11.10
Organ Power Co., repair of motor	11.63
Incidentals,	10.74
	$1,338.97
Bills due before May 1, 1903.	456.00
	$1,794.97
Cash on hand April 19, 1904.	2.42

Outstanding bills to May 1, 1904.

Rev. H. A. Campbell		$120.70
Janitor $52.06, organist $69.50,		121.56
On coal $18.55, plumbing $38.96,		57.51
E. A. Lum, collecting, est.		25.00
Seymour Water Co., est.		21.00
Mrs. A. C Dean, incidentals,		6.50
Contract for new tower,	$294.00	
Less insurance,	238.00	
		66.00
Note at bank with int. to May 1,		204.00
Total liabilities May 1, 1904,		$622.27

At a meeting of the Ecclesiastical Society on Monday evening, Nov 28 it was voted to amend section 1 of article 2 of the bylaws of the society, so that the annual meeting of the society shall be held during the first half the month of January, instead of in the month of April. This will allow of having the accounts close with the calendar year. This seems desirable on several accounts. The annual report to the state secretary is made in January. In this report in past years the society account could only be given to the May preceding, detracting much from its interest. In accordance with this arrangement the annual meeting of the society for 1905 was held on Friday evening, Jan. 13th, and the treasurer made the following report for the eight months from May 1, 1904, to Dec. 31st:

April 19 to Dec. 31, 1904.

Balance on hand Apr. 19	$ 2.41
Collections	192.87
Envelope contributions	184.18
Receipts from pew rents	759.34
From Pinafore company	2.50
From Valley National Bank	200.00
	$1,341.80

Bills contracted before May 1st.

Rev. H. A. Campbell	$120.67
Organist $22.59, sexton $52.10	74.69
Coal $25 80, water rent $13.13	38.93
Culverwell & Burns' work	37.96
Incidentals	13.18
	$351.43
On spire above insurance	67.00
	$418.43

Bills contracted since May 1, 1904.

Pastor and pulpit supply	$592.65
Janitor, to Dec. 1st	72.94
Organist, to Nov. 1	80.50
Singing, to Dec. 1	34.50
Fuel	65.32
Envelopes for collections	10.40
Interest	8.00
Hymnbooks for choir	8.00
Repairing organ	23.40
Electric lights, 2 mo., to Nov. 1	10.98
Incidentals	9.44
	$916.13
Old bills	418.43
	$1,334.56
Balance on hand Dec 31	6.74

THE SUNDAYSCHOOL.

SUPERINTENDENT, C. J. Atwater.
1st ASSISTANT, Wm. N. Stevens.
2nd ASSISTANT, M. C. Keir.
SECRETARY, Harry F. Mannweiler.
TREASURER, M. C. Keir.
LIBRARIAN, Ernest Taylor.
BOOK COMMITTEE, Mrs. C. C. Radford, W. C. Sharpe and Ernest Taylor.

TEACHERS.

Rev. J. F. Johnston,	Mrs. Ernest Taylor,
Oliver M. Williams,	Miss Bessie Botsford,
Geo. E. O'Meara,	Miss Mary Hill,
Charles McCabe,	Miss Lillie Michaels,
Dr. B. S. Hall,	Miss Edith Peck,
W. N. Stevens,	Miss Harriet Bristol,
Arthur Maybury,	Miss FlorenceBuckingham
Mrs. H. A. Radford,	Miss Sarah Evans,
Mrs. T. B. Beach,	Miss Jennie Maybury,
Mrs. C. J. Atwater,	Miss Fannie Fairchild,
Mrs. L. C. McEwen,	Miss Agnes Stewart,
Mrs. W. J. Culverwell.	

Primary Department.

Mrs. J. F. Johnston, Miss Lena Edwards.

Report of Attendance for 1904.

Harry F. Mannweiler, Sec'y.

Number of scholars enrolled	211
Number of officers and teachers	30
Total enrolled	241
Largest Attendance, Oct. 2nd	195
Smallest attendance, Aug. 14th	31
Average attendance	139

REPORT OF M. C. KEIR, S. S. TREASURER.

For the year 1904.

On hand Jan. 25, 1904	$16.81
Collections	104.48
Total	$121.29

PAYMENTS.

Pilgrim Press	$61.70
American Tract Society	15.00
Excursion deficit and supplies	7.93
Bibles, etc	.77
Postage for Rally Day	2.24
Music $3.25, printing $1.50	4.75
Christmas Presents	25.00
Total	$117.39
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1905	$3 90

THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

Report of the Secretary from Oct. 1, 1903, to Oct. 1, 1904.

The principal work of the year was serving supper regularly from October to June. A sewing machine was purchased which enabled the ladies to accomplish much more sewing at the all day sessions which were held frequently.

A very fine concert was given by the choir of the M. E. church of Naugatuck, under the auspices of our society. A sale of fancy articles was held in connection with one of our special teas.

The expense connected with the water motor was shared by the society, and the repairing and renovating the interior of the parsonage was paid for from our treasury.

A most interesting missionary meeting was held in June. A returned missionary from India, Mrs. Hume, gave a very interesting account of work done in that country.

The officers for the year were:
President, Mrs. S. P. Camp.
1st Vice President, Mrs. T. B. Beach.
2nd Vice President, Mrs. Martha Harris.
Secretary, Mrs. Ernest Taylor.
Treasurer, Mrs. C. J. Atwater.

The work undertaken and already accomplished for the coming year promises to be even more than in the year past. The opera Pinafore given early in December netted a good sum, and the society has just pledged $200.00 toward the church debt. Preparations are being made for

a fair to be held the second week in March.

The present officers are:
President, Mrs. E. F. Hodge.
1st Vice President, Mrs. L. C. McEwen.
2nd Vice President, Mrs. Charles Mason.
Secretary, Mrs. Ernest Taylor.
Treasurer, Mrs. C. J. Atwater.
Directresses, Mrs. Eugene Wyant. Mrs. Catherine Warner, Mrs Sampson, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. George Wirtemberg.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. ERNEST TAYLOR, Secy.

Oct. 1903, to Oct. 1904.

Mrs. C. J. Atwater, Treasurer.

Balance on hand,	$48.61
Receipts from eight suppers,	225.11
From work,	8.45
From concert Apr. 6	34.14
Missionary collection,	2.66
Membership fees,	5.25
Total,	$324.22

PAYMENTS.

For tuning piano,	$2.00
Sewing machine,	18 00
Toward motor repairs,	20.00
To Woman's Board of Foreign Missions,	15.00
Papering and painting parsonage,	98.13
Work and supplies,	61.28
	$214.41

Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

Report by Miss Ethel Rice, Secretary.

OFFICERS.

President, Miss Eva O'Meara.
Vice President, Oliver M. Williams.
Cor. Secretary, C. J. Atwater.
Rec. Secretary, Miss Ethel Rice.
Treasurer, Herbert O'Meara.
Supt. of Junior C. E., Mrs. Ernest Taylor.

Chairmen of Committees:
Lookout, Mrs. Helen Taylor.
Prayermeeting, Harry Parsons.
Social, Mrs. Kate Wyant.
Sundayschool, Miss Mary Hill.
Missionary, Miss Mary Anthony.
Temperance, Chester Stevens.
Music, Miss Selena Edwards.
Sick Visiting, Miss Jennie Maybury.
Floral, Mrs. Edith Culverwell.

The membership of the society is 84, Active 69, Associate 8, Honorary 7.

Meetings have been held every Sunday evening with an average attendance of 32. A special paper on the topic is prepared for each meeting.

The society has rented a pew in the church to which all strangers are invited.

The society has also purchased a hymn board for the church.

A special work of the society which is very interesting is done by the Missionary Committee.

Report of the Missionary Committee.

The Christian Endeavor Society has given through its Missionary Committee from Jan. 1904, to Jan. 1905, the following amounts:

For Ministerial Relief Fund,	$10.00
To the needy at Thanksgiving,	4.00
Total,	$14.00
Cash on hand,	$3.78

MARY ANTHONY,
Chairman of Missionary Committee.

Report of the Junior Endeavor Society for 1904.

The whole number of members enrolled is 45, of whom 23 are active members and 22 associate.

Meetings are held Friday afternoons at 4:15, excepting during the months of July and August. The Juniors conduct these meetings themselves. The average attendance is about 30. Penny collections are taken up at each meeting and the proceeds are given for Missions. One associate member became an active member in the Y. P. S. C. E. during the year, and one united with the church. JEAN KEIR, Secretary.

The officers are:

President, Margaret Keir.
Vice President, Rachael Cornforth.
Secretary, Jean Keir.
Treasurer, Tillie Hilderbrandt.
Superintendent, Mrs. Ernest Taylor.
1st Assistant, Miss May Wheeler.
2nd Assistant, Mrs. F. C. Peck.

Summary of Contributions for Missions, etc

For Foreign Missions,

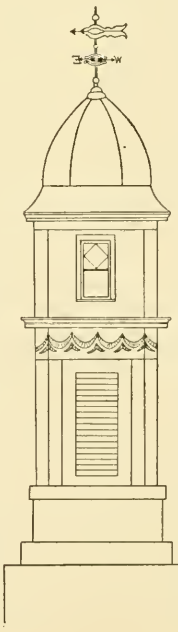
By the Church Treas. to the A. B. C. F. M.,	$11.31
By the Ladies Aid Society,	15.00

For Home Missions.

To the Home Missionary Society,	$10.65
By the Church Treasurer to American Missionary Association	7.38
To the S. S. and Publishing Society,	3.65

From the Y. P. C. E.

For the Ministerial Relief Fund.	10.00
To the needy at Thanksgiving	4.00
Total,	$61.39



Having no photograph of the church since the spire was taken down on account of having been struck by lightning and rendered unsafe, the accompanying outline is given from the drawing from which it was reconstructed.

The first of these Church Annuals was prepared by the clerk in January, 1893, and one has been published each year since, many members of the church contributing interesting material for its pages. Eleven different persons have contributed reports of various departments of the church work for this number of the Annual.

The church manual of 23 pages, compiled by Rev. F. S. Root and published in 1883, is a very valuable compend of the history of the church and is worthy of careful preservation.

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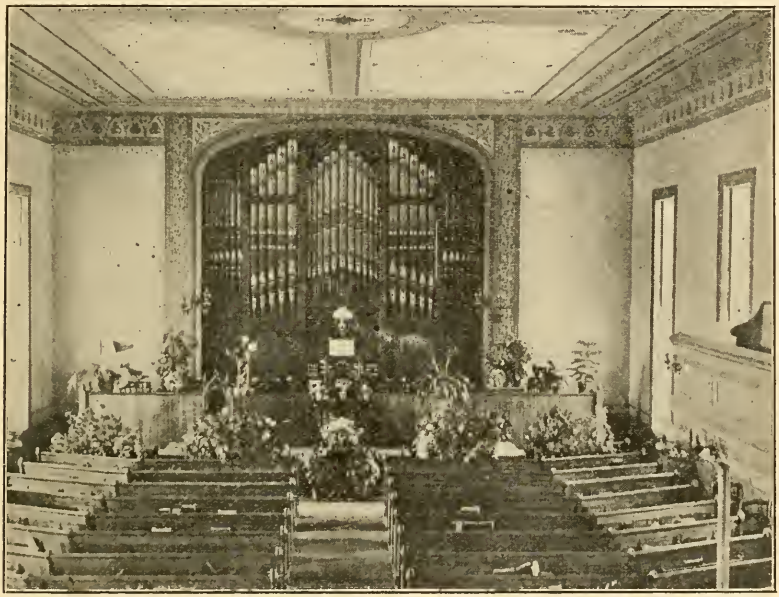
Reports for the Year 1905, Lists of Officers, &c., for 1906.



THE INTERIOR AT EASTER.

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH.

CLERK, W. C. Sharpe.
TREASURER, C. J. Atwater.
AUDITOR, M. C. Keir.
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE, Albert Swan, Oliver M. Williams, Geo. E. Matthies, Mrs. C. C. Radford, Mrs. E. A. Davis.
S. S. SUPT., Oliver M. Williams.
DEACONS—Elected for Four Years.
William B. Nichols, elected 1903.
George E. O'Meara, elected 1904.
Charles Maybury, elected 1905.
H. H. Parsons, elected 1906.

REPORT OF THE PASTOR.

Jan. 7th, 1906.

The year 1905 has gone. The year 1906 has opened promisingly for our Church Life and work. There have been many encouragements throughout the work of the past year as the annual reports herein will indicate. Twentyfive have united with the Church since 1905 opened and but four have removed from our midst.

There is progress of a real kind in all departments of the Church. The finances show a general increase. We have no unhappy differences amongst us. The

week of prayer was duly observed and the attendances were good and the addresses of those who helped us were both impressive and stimulating.

The attendance at the usual Sabbath services have been steady and we think rather increases. The choir of the church has rendered excellent service which has merited and received due appreciation. We hope for better results in all departments of the Congregation's life and activities during 1906. We have the resources. Let us have the spirit to do.

REPORT OF THE CLERK.

Twentytwo members were received during the year 1805, nine by letter and thirteen on profession. The members received were, by letter:

Mrs. C. W. Michaels and Miss Lillia D. Michaels, from Meriden.

Mrs. Martha Jones, from Waterbury.

Mrs. J. F. Wentworth, from West Haven.

Mr. and Mrs Edward G. Mansfield, Jr., from West Haven.

Mrs. Clara M. Tomlinson, from South Norwalk.

Mrs. Edith Maybury, from Ansonia.

Miss Sarah Barr, from Hollywood, Ireland.

On profession:

Miss Alice May Michaels.

Miss Carrie Conine Burgess.

Miss Ida Brandow.

Miss Lena Rachael Cornforth

Miss Jean Keir.

Miss Elizabeth Rebecca Evans.

Miss Matilda Louise Hilderbrandt.

George Owens.

Morris Pearson.

Clarence Clement Cornforth.

Charles Owens

Mr. and Mrs. H. C Barnes.

Mrs. Henrietta Williams Miles, who died March 14th, was received into membership Jan 2d, 1898. She was long a valued member of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor and of the church choir.

Mrs. Lillian I Noble, who died in Newark, N. J., Sept. 14th, was received into membership Jan. 1st, 1893.

The number of withdrawals by letter was four, ten were dropped from the list Jan. 20th, 1905, of whom eight were non residents. and one (No. 790) was dropped from the list by the revision committee on account of having become a member of another church.

The number of members of the church Jan. 1st, 1905, was 263, of whom 44 were non residents, 219 resident. The number Jan. 1st, 1906, was 270, of whom 232 were resident members, an increase of thirteen.

The number of resident members a year ago was 219, the 22 received making 241, of whom four have moved away, two have been dropped from the list, and one has died, making the number of resident members on the first of January, 1906, 234, a net increase of fifteen.

In addition to the above report, read at the annual meeting, the reports given at that time and since, of the various departments of church work for the year 1905, published herewith, show most gratifying results, and a harmonious and prosperous condition. Considerable improvements have been made on the church property, notably the straightening of the front line in accordance with a vote in the town meeting authorizing the same, setting concrete curbing along the front and making a concrete walk, and repairs on the church and parsonage to the amount of $328 74.

The following summary of contributions for mission work has been compiled from the several reports of the different departments of church work.

Home Missionary Society,.....$16.57

(By collection and Y. P. S. C. E.)

American Missionary Association	29.69
For Foreign Missions,	13.73
Bible Society Publishing Co.	11.80
(By the Sundayschool)	
Women's Board of Foreign Missions, (by Ladies' Aid Society),	15.00
Ministerial Relief Fund	10.00
(By the Y. P. S. C. E.)	
Mount Carmel Home,	5.00
(By the Junior C. E.)	
	$100.79

W. C. SHARPE, Clerk.

CHURCH TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance at beginning of year	$ 1.70
Collection, January	10.82
March 5,	6.57
May 7, Home Missionary Society	4 57
July 2. A. B. C. F. M.	12.73
September 1,	3.45
November 1, A. M. A.	29 69
Total	$69.53

EXPENDITURES.

For communion wine	$1.50
Dues to State conference, 1901	7 64
Printing annuals	6.00
Home Missionary Society	6.57
Foreign Missions	12.73
American Missionary Association	29.69
Naugatuck Valley Conference	2.45
	$66 58
Balance on hand	2 95
	$69.53

C. J. ATWATER, Treas.

THE ECCLESIASTICAL SOCIETY.

OFFICERS ELECTED JAN. 12, 1906.

Society Committee, M. C. Keir, B. S. Hall, Wm Harris.

Clerk, Albert Swan.

Treasurer, C. J. Atwater.

Collector, H. H. Parsons.

Auditor, Geo. E. O'Meara.

Tythingmen, J. W. DeForest, Wm Harris

Agent for cemetery, C. J. Atwater.

Sexton, G. W. Burroughs.

Albert Swan, H. H. Parsons and W. N. Stevens were appointed committee on the envelope system.

At the annual meeting of the society the report of the treasurer showed the finances of the society to be in good condition as compared with the situation of a year or two ago.

REPORT OF THE SOCIETY TREASURER.

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1905.

Cash on hand Jan. 1st	$ 6.74
Received from seat rents	1173.95
Sunday morning collections	173.64
Sunday evening collections	106.56
Envelope collections	284.66
Contribution from Young Men's Class	50.00
Incidental	.20
Net receeipts	1795.75
Loan from Bank	78.35
Total	$1874.10

EXPENDITURES.

Salary of Pastor	$1000.00
For playing organ	188 00
To sexton	114.62
For Fuel	35.10
Insurance	72.00
Singing	63.00
Repairs on church and parsonage, including improvements	228.74
Electric lights two months	16.47
Interest	25 56
Water rents	37 94
Printing	8.60
Incidentals	22.63
Part payment on note	50.00
	$1862.66
Cash on hand, Jan. 1st, 1906	11.44
	$1874.10

The following of the above amounts were for services rendered before Jan. 1st, 1905.

Playing organ	$28.00
Singing	6.00
Insurance	72.00

Fuel	7.00
Water rent	12.83
Sexton	10.42
	$136.25

C. J. ATWATER, Treas.

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF SLIPRENTS

Collected on rentals of May 1st, 1905, to May 1st, 1906.

By C. J. Atwater	$62.25	
By Morris Pearson	190.00	
By H. H. Parsons, Sept. 17 to Dec. 31, 1905	332.00	
		$584.25

Collected on rentals of May 1st, 1904, to May 1st, 1905.

By Morris Pearson	$94.20	
By C. J. Atwater	395.00	
		$489 20
Total		$1073.45

Total rentals for year ending May 1st, 1906	$1151.00
Collected on same	584.25
Am't collectible to May 1st, 1906	566 75
Due on year ending May 1st, 1904	60.00
Total	$626.75

HARRY H. PARSONS, Collector.

THE SUNDAYSCHOOL.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

Number of scholars enrolled,	203
Number of officers and teachers,	35
Total enrolled,	238
Largest attendance Apr. 23,	196
Smallest attendance Dec. 3,	30
Average attendance	142

ROLL FOR THE YEAR 1905.

Superintendent, O. M. Williams.
First Asst. Supt., B S Hall.
Second Asst. Supt., E. G. Mansfield.
Secretary, Harry F. Mannweiler.
Treasurer, W. N. Stevens.
Librarian, Ernest Taylor.
Asst. Librarian, Reid Buckingham.
Book Committee, Mrs. C. C. Radford, Mrs. Ernest Taylor, W. C. Sharpe.

TEACHERS.

Miss Bessie Botsford.
Miss Mary Hill.
Miss Lillie Michaels.
Mrs. A. H. Sampson.
Mrs. Ernest Taylor.
E. G. Mansfield.
Mrs. C. J. Atwater.
Ruth Cornforth.
Miss Harriet Bristol.
Herbert O'Meara.
Miss Florence Buckingham.
Miss Sarah R Evans.
Mrs. E. W. Davis.
Mrs. L. C. McEwen.
Mrs. F. Peck.
Mrs. T. B. Beach.
Mrs C. C. Radford.
Miss F. Fairchild.
Rev. J. F. Johnston.
M. C. Keir.
O. M. Williams.
Geo. E. O'Meara.
Dr. B. S Hall.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. J. F. Johnston, Supt.
Miss Lena Edwards, 1st assistant.
Mrs. Herbert Williams, 2nd assistant.

The officers and teachers of the Sundayschool held a meeting last July and concluded not to hold Sundayschool during the month of August, and on account of the storm, the Sundayschool was not reopened until a week later than planned, therefore there was no session from Aug. 1st to Sept. 10th, 1905, five Sundays

HARRY F. MANNWEILER, Sec'y.

REPORT OF THE S. S. TREASURER.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1905	$3.90
Collections for the year 1905	114.74
Collection at cantata, 1904	30.00
" " 1905	26.59
Jan. 1, 1905, expense for hall, 1904,	7.50
Jan. 6, Expense for cantata and holiday gifts	30.22
Class record books	1.50
April 10. C. J. Atwater	1.25
May 15, Pilgrim Press, S. S. helps	34.90

July 6, Bible Study Pub. Co.,	11.80
July 24. Supplies for picnic	11.40
Dec. 18 Christmas gifts for S. S .	22 67
O. M. Williams, copying	2.00
Dec 30, Rent of Opera House	7.50
Pilgrim Press lesson helps	25.42
Total expenditures	$156.16
Balance on hand	19.07
	$175.23

M. C. KEIR, Treas.

The Young Men's Bible Class.

The Young Men's Bible Class was organized in December, 1904. The total number of young men directly and in directly connected with this organization is now about forty. The attendance at Bible class on Sunday ranges from 12 to 20, with an average of perhaps 15 to 17 per Sunday.

This year the Bible is being read through, and no class could be more interesting to a teacher than is this one.

The young men grip questions of Bible study with a relish and an intelligence that promises well for their place in the church's life and work further on.

There are three purposes before the Y. M. B C : First that they themselves may gain a better knowledge of the Bible and deepen in spiritual life; second, that they may carry some part of the church's work and share her responsibilities ; and lastly, to exercise a healthy social influence.

The president of the class is E. G. Mansfield, the secretary, Clarence Cornforth, and the treasurer, Herbert O'Meara.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Receipts.

From supper and entertainment	$128.00
From collections	45.59
Total	$173 79

Payments.

Electric light bills	$59.65
To the Ladies' Aid Society	5.00
On the church debt	50.00
For Sundayschool books	5.10
Notice Board	.60
Tables	3.00
Incidentals	.25
Total	$123.60
Cash on hand	50.19
	$173.79

HERBERT G. O'MEARA, Treasurer.

THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

Report of the secretary for the year ending Jonuary 1st, 1906 :

The work of the year was very satisfactory, a number of suppers were served, and a very successful fair was. held two evenings, March 14th and 15th Twelve Hymnals were purchased for the church; $10 was allowed Miss Bristol tol for music, and $200 has been promised toward the church debt.

Several all day sessions were held, and much sewing accomplished. The church was cleaned under the direction of the Society, contributions being given through the envelope system for this purpose. A stove was purchased for the kitchen, a new set of china was added, flowers were sent to sick members, and many other things that have raised the standard of the Society.

The officers for the year are:

President, Mrs. E. F. Hodge; first vice-president, Mrs. L C. McEwen; second vice-president, Mrs. Delia Warner; secretary, Mrs. Ernest Taylor; treasurer, Mrs C. J. Atwater.

Directresses, Mrs. E. G Tomlinson; Mrs. George Wirtemberg, Mrs. A. H. Sampson, Mrs Holmes, Mrs Griswold, Mrs. Barnes.

Collector, Mrs A. C Dean.

Entertainment committee, Mrs T. B. Beach, Mrs. G. Wyant and Mrs C. H. Finkle.

MRS. ERNEST TAYLOR, Secretary.

Report of Treasurer of Ladies' Aid Society from October, 1904, to October, 1905 :

October, 1904, cash on hand	$113.70
Receipts from two suppers	39.18
" Fair	170.00
" Pinafore	88.42
" Election lunch	19 09
" Recipe book	30.15
" Hymn books	2.55
" Work, &c	11.82
	$474.91

PAYMENTS.

For cleaning church	$10.00
" choir music	10.00
" hymn books	9.50
" W. B. of Foreign Missions	15.00
" china	35.00
" flowers	3.15
" work and supplies	27.07
	$109.72
Balance on hand	$365.19

JENNIE T. ATWATER,
Treasurer.

Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor

OFFICERS.

President, Oliver M. Williams.
Vice President, E. Glover Mansfield.
Rec. Secretary, Herbert G. O'Meara.
Cor. Secretary, Clifford J. Atwater.
Treasurer, Mrs. W. E. Culverwell.
Junior Supt., Miss May Wheeler.
Organist, Miss Selina Edwards.

Chairmen of Committees.

Lookout, Miss Mary A. Hill.
Prayermeeting, Miss Harriet Chamberlin
Social, Mrs F. C. Peck.
Sundayschool, Miss Ethel Rice.
Missionary, Miss Eva J. O'Meara.
Temperance, Mrs. C. H. Finkle.
Floral, Miss Mae Wheeler.
Calling, Mrs. Ernest Taylor.
Music, Miss Ruth Cornforth.

The length of the meetings have been changed from one hour to one half hour in order to make it more convenient for the members to attend both the endeavor meetings and the evening services.

The total membership is seventyfive, of which sixtyone are active, seven associate and seven honorary.

The society has rented a seat in church as in former years.

All departmen's of the society have been very active during the past year.

One of the features of the years work was a musicale under the direction of Miss Harriet Bristol, at which 193 were presen'.

The Christian Endeavor Society has giyen $20 for missionary and charitable purposes during the past year. Of this amount $10 was given to the Ministerial Relief Fund, and $10 to the Congregational Home Missionary Society.

HERBERT G. O'MEARA. Secy.

JUNIOR ENDEAVOR SOCIETY.

REPORT FOR 1905.

The whole number of members enrolled is 41. The average attendance has been 25. Meetings are held every Sunday afternoon at 3.15. The Juniors have learned all the books of the O'd Testament, and are also studying the life of Christ They will begin to learn the books of the New Testament the first of the new year. On Thanksgiving they sent five dollars to Mt. Carmel Home. MISS MAE WHEELER, Supt.

DEACON E. A. LUM.

At a recent meeting it was the wish of the members present that in this number of the Annual there be some expression of appreciation of the worth of Deacon Edwin A. Lum and of his services to the church during his long residence in Seymour. Deacon Lum is the only remaining member of twenty who were received into the church March 21, 1843. He served the church as clerk from April, 1885, to April 7, 1892, and

was very thorough and painstaking in the discharge of the duties of that office. He also served the church as deacon in 1883, and from the spring of 1888 until removing from town in 1904.

In 1890 he was one of the committee of three appointed "To provide a suitable constitution and rules for the government of the Church under its new organization as a religious corporation." The form of organization which he reported was adopted May 1, 1890.

Mr. Lum was a resident of Waterbury from 1851 until 1881, holding various positions of honor and responsibility in that city, and serving as deacon of the Second Congregational Church of Waterbury fourteen years. In 1881 he returned to Seymour and was an active member of this church until in 1894, on account of failing health, he removed to New Milford.

VIRGIL H. McEWEN.

A valued and efficient member of the society and one of Seymour's most respected citizens, was Virgil H McEwen, who died June 12, 1905, aged 70 years He had been a member of the society since April 14, 1890, had taken an active part in the business of the society and had been a liberal contributor in aid of the church work. He had represented the town in the General Assembly and had filled other offices of honor and trust in the gift of his townsmen.

REV. F. STANLEY ROOT.

Rev. F. Stanley Root, who died in New Haven Jan. 19th, was pastor of this church from 1879 to 1884, and during his pastorate compiled the manual of the church which was published in 1883, (23 pages) containing a large amount of detail regarding the church and its membership, most of which has never been published in any other form.

At his funeral he was spoken of as "a man of rare ability and of even rarer courage. Doubtless he had his faults, but they were as eddies in the swift, deep stream of a virtuous manhood. Those who knew him best loved him most. What greater testimony can be given to a man's charms of personality and integrity of character?"

Report of the Clerk of the Society.

There has been a steady growth of the Society, as the lists of members printed herewith will show. The pledges on the envelope collections cover something over three hundred dollars ($300) for the current year.

The Young Men's Bible Class offered their aid in establishing a means of heating the church parlors, but the present height of the boiler would not allow of heating in this way without using overhead radiators, which did not seem best.

The indebtedness of about three hundred dollars ($300) will be cleared up at once by the joint action of the Ladies Aid Society, the Young Men's Bible Class, and the Church and Society members.

ALBERT SWAN, Clerk.

THE PARISH LIBRARY.

This library, which with the handsome bookcases is entirely the gift of Hon. James Swan, has been enlarged the past year by the addition of the Expositors' Bible, in 49 volumes. This is the most complete exposition of the Bible that is published in the English language. The library now numbers nearly six hundred volumes.

MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH.

This list includes the names of three members received since Jan. 1st, 1906, making a total of 273.

Mrs. J. W. Adams.
Mary Anthony.
Clifford J. Atwater.
Mrs. C. J. Atwater.
Mrs. S. C Atwood.
Mrs. Charles Baker.
Henry R. Baker.
Mrs. Henry R Baker.
Mrs. Wilford A Baldwin.
Edith L Baldwin.
Herland C Barnes.
Mrs. H. C. Barnes.
William J. Barr.
Mrs. Wm J. Barr
Andrew Barr.
Mrs. Andrew Barr.
Sara Barr.
Mrs. J. B Baylis.
Mrs. T. B Beach.
Ethel Olive Beach.
Frank A. Benedict.
Mrs. James Bishop.
Mrs. Charles Bisbee.
Mary E. Booth.
Mrs. Albert Botsford
Mrs. Harvey Botsford.
Mrs. Edward Botsford
Alice M. Botsford.
Bessie M. Botsford.
Ida Brandow.
Leander W. Brown
Samuel W. Buckingham
Mrs. S. W. Buckingham.
Florence M. Buckingham
Mrs. Mary E. Burgess.
Carrie L. Burgess.
Mrs. John W. Byars.
Mrs. S. P. Camp.
Harriet E Chamberlin.
Mrs. Harry Chamberlin.
Thos. H. Charmbury.
Hiram Chatfield.
Mrs. H. W. Chatfield.
Mary Clark.
Mrs. Robert Clark.
Mrs. Mary Jane Clark.
Mrs. Ellen E. Conine.
Mrs. E. S. Cooper.
Clarence C. Cornforth.
L. Rachel Cornforth.
Ruth G. Cornforth.
Mrs. Hattie A. Cotter.
Mary B. Cotter.
Mrs. James Crowther.
Mrs. Wm. J. Culverwell.
Edward R. Davis.
Mrs. E. R. Davis.
Elias W. Davis.
Mrs. E. W. Davis.
Mrs. Amelia M. Davis.
Mrs. A. C. Dean.
Wm. H. Decker.
Mrs. Wm. H. Decker.
Foster W. Decker.
John W. DeForest.
Emma T. Dodd.
Walter W. Dorman.
Mrs. W. W. Dorman.
May I. Dorman.
Mrs. D. T. Dunham.
Mrs. A. B Dunham.
Mrs. Ann Edwards.
Lena Edwards.
David J. Edwards.
Mrs. D. J. Edwards.
Mrs. Jane Evans.
Mrs. George Evans.
Sarah R. Evans.
Elizabeth R. Evans.
George W. French.
Mrs G. W. French.
Earle L. French.
Mrs. Caleb Fuller.
Benjamin S. Hall.
Mrs Benj. S. Hall.
Mrs. H. S. Halligan.
Mabel E. Halligan.
Mrs. Annie J. Hanson.
Charles F. Hard.
William Harris.
Mrs. Anna Harris.
Charles D. Harrison.
Sarah E. Harrison.
Jacob Hartman.
Mrs. Jacob Hartman.
Mrs. Walter Hickox..
Matilda L. Hilderbrandt.
Mary A. Hill.
Mrs. E F. Hodge.
Mrs. Lida M. Hotchkiss.
Grant A. Hubbell.
Mrs. Mabel C. Hubbell.
Treat Hubbell.
Mrs. Treat Hubbell.
Mrs. D C. Hull.
Orilla E Hurlburt.
Mary E. Hurlburt.
Mrs. Eugene Hurlburt.
Mrs. W. D. Ingersoll.
Mrs. John G. Johns.
James P. Johnstone.
Mrs. James P. Johnstone.
Martha Jones.
Mrs. T. J. Jones.
Mrs. Edson Jorey.
M. C. Keir.
Mrs. M. C. Keir.
Jean Keir.
Margaret E Keir.
Mrs. Fred K Kenworthy.
Dora Kimmer.
Mary E. Kimmer.
Mrs. H M. Leavenworth.

Mrs. George Lester.
Mrs. Mary Lockwood.
Belle E. Lockwood.
Emma Lockwood.
Jean Lovell.
Edwin A. Lum.
Mrs E. A. Lum.
Lizzie M. Lum.
Edward G. Mansfield.
Harry F Mannweiler.
Mrs. Geo. Marion.
George E. Matthies.
Mrs. George E. Matthies.
Mrs. Emma F. Mattison.
Mrs. H. A. May.
Charles Maybury.
Mrs. Chas Maybury.
Chas A Maybury.
Jane A. Maybury.
Ann E. Maybury.
Mrs. Arthur Maybury.
Mrs. J. B. Maynard.
Charles McCabe.
Mrs. Cornelia McEwen.
Mrs. Carrie G. McKinley.
Augustus J. Meyers.
May E. Meyers.
Mrs. C. W. Michaels.
Lillia D. Michaels.
Alice May Michaels.
Mrs Edward Miles.
Lena N. Miller.
Mrs. Geo. L. Minor.
Mrs. Bessie Lawson Moss.
William B Nichols.
Charles Nichols.
May I. Nichols.
Etta M Nichols.
George E. O'Meara.
Mrs. Abigal J. O'Meara.
Florence A. O'Meara.
Eva J O'Meara.
Herbert G. O'Meara.
Mrs. J. C. Otto.
Mrs. Mary Ann Owen.
George Owen.
Charles Owens
Mrs. J. A. Parker.
Russell Parsons.
Frederick M Parsons
Mrs. Sybil M. Parsons.
Josephine E. Parsons.
Lillie J. Parsons.
Harry H. Parsons.
Mrs. H. H. Parsons.
Mrs Richard Pearson.
Mrs. Catherine B. Pearson
Ida L. Pearson.
Morris Pearson.
Mrs. Fred Peck.
Mrs. William Peck.
Otis Peck.
Mrs Otis Peck.
Mrs, Walter Peck.
Mrs C C. Radford.
Mrs Elizabeth Randell.
William Reese.
Maria Reese.
Charles J. Reynolds.
Mrs. C. J Reynolds.
Mrs. Henry Reynolds.
Ethel C. Rice.
Mrs. Hulda Roberts.
Mrs Euphemia Robinson
Eugene Rosha.
Mrs Eugene Rosha.
Mrs. John T. Rowe.
Mrs. A. H. Sampson.
Arthur C Schaper.
Mrs Nellie Searles.
Mabel E Searles.
Mrs. John S. Seeley.
William C Sharpe.
Mrs. E C. Sharpe.
Mrs. Daniel W. Simpson.
Mrs. Geo. A. Simpson.
Margaret Smith.
Mrs. Marion E. Spencer.
Rebecca A. Squires
Eva V. Squres
Lena Sponheimer.
Eva Sponheimer.
William R C Steinholtz.
Mrs. W. N Stevens.
Chester H Stevens
Mrs. Wm. B. Stevens.
Gabriel Stewart.
Mrs. Gabriel Stewart.
Agnes E. Stewart.
James Swan.
Mrs. James Swan.
Jessie Swan.
Mrs. James W. Swan.
Albert Swan.
Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor.
Mrs. Ernest Taylor.
Mrs. Louis Theurer.
Thomas Thomas.
Mrs Martha Thompson.
Margaret Thompson.
Mrs. Samuel Thompson.
Mrs. C. W. Thrall.
Mrs. Clara M. Tomlinson.
Lottie R Van Deusen.
Mrs Delia C. Warner.
Chas. R. Warner.
W. I. Warren.
Mrs. W. I. Warren.
Emma E. Weber.
Barbara S. Weber.
Mrs. J. B. Weymer.
Frederick Weislogel.
Mrs. Mary Weislogel.
Anna M. Weislogel.
J. F. Wentworth.
Eben G. Wheeler.
H. Lavina Wheeler.
Cora Mae Wheeler.
Charles Wheeler.
Margaret White.
Herbert B Williams.
Mrs H. B. Williams.
Robert Williams.
Oliver M Williams.
Mrs. O. M. Williams.
Thomas Williams.
Mrs. Thomas Williams.
Thomas Williams, Jr.
Mrs John Williams.
Mrs. Thomas Wilson.
George H. Wirtemberg.
Mrs G. H Wirtemburg.
Mrs. J. B Wirtemberg.
Mrs. Josephine Woodbridge.
Mrs. Eugene Wyant.
Mrs. Henry L. Wyant.
Mrs. George Wyant.
Mrs. Charles Wyant.
Daisy M. Zwick.
Mrs. Frank Zwick.

THE ECCLESIASTICAL SOCIETY.

NAME.

Art. 1. This Society shall be called The Congregational Society of Seymour.

PURPOSE.

Art. 2. The purposes for which this corporation is established, and shall exist, are the support of the public worship of God in the town of Seymour and the promotion of Christian knowledge and charity according to the general usages of the Orthodox Congregational Churches and Parishes in the Commonwealth.

BY-LAWS.

MEMBERSHIP.

ARTICLE I.

Sec. 1. The society shall consist of such persons of legal age as shall join it at any regular meeting duly warned, provided he shall have previously lodged with the clerk, or if there be no clerk, with any other officer thereof, a written declaration duly signed of his desire to become a member of it as provided in Chap. 128, Sec. 2052, Connecticut Statutes.

Sec. 2 A member may at any time terminate his membership in this society by lodging properly stamped in any post office a written notice of his withdrawal addressed to the clerk or by leaving such notice with him personally.

Sect. 3. When a member removes beyond the proper limits of the parish and ceases to attend its meetings and to contribute to its support his membership shall therefore be terminated, but it may be renewed at his own request in the regular way.

Sec. 4. When a member though still living within the bounds of the parish, neglects or refuses to contribute his fair proportion financially for the support of the society in accordance with the plan adopted by the society for collecting its necessary revenues, his membership may cease by his name being stricken from the roll by vote of any regular meeting.

ARTICLE II.

MEETINGS.

Sect. 1. The annual meeting of this society for the transaction of all ordinary business, the election of officers, the appointment of committees, and the transaction of any other business necessary to be done, shall be held during the first half of the month of January, on such a day and hour and at such place as the society's committee may designate.

Sec. 2. Special meetings may be called at any time by the society's committee, and must be, or if there be no committee, by the clerk, called by them upon the written request of five members os the society in good standing. The notices of all meetings shall specify the particular business for which the meeting is called.

Sec. 3 Notice of any business meeting of the society shall be issued at least five days before the time of holding said meeting and shall be given from the pulpit on the Sabbath or by sending a written or printed notice of the same to each resident member of the society.

Sec. 4. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE.

There shall be the following officers and committee who shall be chosen annually by ballot.

Sec. 1. A clerk who shall be sworn according to law to keep the records of

the society, and who shall call the meetings to order for the appointment of a moderator, and shall keep a revised roll of the members of the society for correction and approval at each annual meeting, and shall call meetings of the society in case of the absence or inability of the society's committee.

Sec. 2. A treasurer whose duty it shall be to take charge of all moneys belonging to the society, to pay out the same only on written and properly drawn orders by the society's committee, and to submit an itemized report at each annual meeting of all moneys received and disbursed by him during the year.

Sec. 3. A collector whose duty shall be to collect the seat rent as it shall become due, pay over the same to the treasurer monthly, and submit an itemized report of his doings to the society at its annual meeting.

Sec. 4 An auditor whose duty it shall be to examine the accounts of the treasurer and collector and report on same at the annual meeting.

Sec. 5. There shall be a society's committee of three members whose duty it shall be to take charge of the meeting house and other property belonging to the society, to make all necessary provisions for heating, lighting and cleaning the meeting house and for keeping the same in proper repair, to appoint a sexton and fix his salary and duties, to draw orders upon the treasurer for all lawful claims against the society, to apprize and lease the pews or sittings in the meeting house annually or for a shorter period if necessary, to submit an itemized account at the annual meeting of the society, of all orders issued on the treasury during the year, to have charge of the Congregational cemetery with power to sell burial lots therein and to give deeds for the same (but no other property belonging to the society shall be sold or leased except by special vote of the society) and to do all other business necessary to be transacted by the society. The society's committee shall superintend the music of the church on part of the society acting for that purpose conjointly with a committee of not more than two persons acting on behalf of the church and doing all acts necessary for that purpose.

Sec. 6. At each annual meeting there shall be appointed two or more tythingmen to secure order at all public services and see that offenders are dealt with as the law provides, also two or more ushers to welcome and seat strangers attending the public services of the church.

Sec. 7. The pastor and deacons of the church shall have the right to use and grant the use of the meeting house as they may judge expedient for all religious meetings properly so called, provided they are in the interest of our own denomination but for all other meetings and purposes the right to grant the use of it shall rest with the society's committee.

Sec. 8. The annual amount of salary to be paid the pastor shall be fixed by vote of the society.

Sec. 9. Any sums due the society for pew rents which in the opinion of the collector and society's committee cannot for any cause be collected may be abated by the society's committee.

Sec 10. All rules and by-laws by which the society has heretofore been governed are hereby annulled and made inoperative by the adoption of these new by-laws.

Sec. 11. No alteration shall be made in these by-laws except by a two thirds vote of the members of the society present at the annual or a special meeting of the society duly warned for the purpose.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIETY

WITH DATES OF ADMISSION.

John W. Smith, 1870.
William B. Nichols, 1870.
B. B. Thayer, 1870.
Sharon D. Beach, 1872.
James Swan, 1872.
Edmund Day, 1875.
W I. Warren, 1875.
H. S. Halligan, 1875.
Chas. E. Spencer, 1875.
Wm. Halligan, 1875.
W. W. Dorman, 1875.
W. W. Smith, 1875.
Charles Reynolds, 1876.
Fred. O'Meara, 1876.
W. H. H. Wooster, 1883.
Frank Wyant, 1876.
W. J. Spencer, 1883.
Jesse Maynard, 1883.
George O'Meara, 1883.
S. W. Buckingham, 1884.
E. A. Lum, 1885.
Geo. E. Matthies, 1885.
C. J. Atwater, 1886.
Robert Smith, 1886.
Chas. Maybury, 1887.
A. Y. Beach, 1888.
W. D. Ingersoll, 1888.
W. J. Barr, 1890.
Samuel P. Camp, 1890.
E. G. Wheeler, 1890.
Chas. Mason, 1890.
Henry Reynolds, 1890.
Thos. Williams, 1890.
Geo. Wirtemberg, 1890.
Edward R. Davis, 1890.
Thomas Thomas, 1890.
W. A. Baldwin, 1890.
Geo. S. Davis, 1890.
A. B. Dunham, 1890.
E. H. Wyant, 1890.
David Johns, Jr., 1890.
W. C. Sharpe, 1890.
M. C. Keir, 1892.
John W. DeForest, 1897.
Geo. W. French, 1898.
Oliver M. Williams, 1899.
Albert Swan, 1901.
W. N. Stevens, 1902.
Russell Parsons, 1903.
Harry Parsons, 1902.
Chas. McCabe, 1903.
E. W. Davis, M. D., 1904.
C. P. White, 1904.
B. S. Hall, D. D. S., 1904.
Gabriel Stewart, 1904
C. H. Finkle, 1904.
E. F. Hodge, 1905.
William Harris, 1905.
Chas. H. Michaels, 1905.
Ernest Taylor, 1905.
Morris Pearson, 1905.
W. L. Ward, 1906.
J. P. Johnstone, 1906.
Ezra Marion, 1906.
Frederick Parsons, 1906.
Robt. G. Cornforth, 1906.
Louis V. McEwen, 1906.

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Congregational Annual.

No. 15. SEYMOUR, CONN. JANUARY, 1907.

Reports for the Year 1906. List of Officers, &c., for 1907.

Seymour Congregational Church.

Organized Nov. 3, 1789.

REV. J. F. JOHNSTON, P. H. D., Pastor.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Sunday 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Sundayschool after the morning service.

Christian Endeavor meeting Sunday evening at 6 o'clock.

Junior Christian Endeavor meeting at 4:15 p. m.

Midweek meeting Thursday evening at 7:30.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is administered on the first Sabbath morning in Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept. and Nov.

Collections are usually taken on the first Sundays of March, July and November as follows:

March, for Home Missions.

July, for Foreign Missions.

Nov., for American Missionary Ass'n.

The remaining communion offerings are for church expenses.

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH.

CLERK, W. C. Sharpe.

TREASURER, C. J. Atwater.

AUDITOR, M. C. Keir.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE, Oliver M. Williams, Geo. E. Matthies, Mrs. C. C. Radford, Mrs. E. A. Davis.

S. S. SUPT., Oliver M. Williams.

DEACONS, Elected for Four Years.

George E. O'Meara, elected 1904.

Charles Maybury, elected 1005.

H. H. Parsons, elected 1906.

William Harris, elected 1907.

PASTORAL LETTER.

DEAR FRIENDS:

The year 1906 has brought us much to be grateful and increasingly thankful for. Our people for the most part have enjoyed health of body and mind, no plague came nigh our dwellings, though afflictions have come to some and we have deep and real sympathy unto those whose hearts are bereft and whose spirits are lonely.

The year just closed has brought its own measure of success and failure, of joy and sorrow, of credit and reproach, to our beloved Zion. The tragedy of life and death and sin and sorrow are ever being enacted, and a sympathetic heart perforce must have its part. The passing years should but intensify the preciousness of God's church on earth, her message of peace, her sacraments of mystic power, her inspiration and comfort for the pilgrim heart.

Lift up your heads, ye aged ones denied the House of Prayer! Be of good cheer ye sick and suffering! Upon you both alike the long tarrying morning soon will break! And let us all, as a congregation give ourselves anew to the work of the King and Head of our honored church. Let us bestir ourselves to missionary efforts; let every family have a share and allow something of its means to the Heavenly enterprise. Let our Psalms be more devont, our songs sweeter, our sacraments dearer, our hope enlarged, our joy more constant, our charity more wide, "rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing instant in prayer." I am

Your Affectionate Minister,

JOHN F. JOHNSTON.

The Parsonage, Seymour, Jan. 31, 1907.

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF THE CHURCH.

Twentyfive members were received in 1906, eight by letter and seventeen on profession.

Neil Anderson.
Mrs. Neil Anderson.
Mrs. S. C. Atwood.
Miss Ursula E. Benedict.
Henry Oliver Chatfield.
Miss Mary Minerva Hard.
David Harris.
Jacob Hartman.
Mrs. Jacob Hartman.
Oscar J. Hull.
John G. Johns.
Mrs. Augustus Kuss.
J. Ezra Marion.
Mrs. J Ezra Marion.
Miss Edith May Maynard.
Mrs. May L. Peck.
Thomas Roy.
Miss Mattie Wilhelmina Saxon.
John J. Smith.
Mrs. Cora Smith.
Mrs. Fred T. Smith.
Miss Edith Smith.
Miss Lillie May Warner.
Mrs. Harriet Lavinia Wheeler.
Miss Francis Bassett White.

There was one death, Albert Swan, and three withdrawals by letter, Deacon and Mrs. E. A. Lum and Miss Lizzie Lum, who removed to New Milford.

Number of members Jan. 1, 1906	270
Received during the year	25
	295
Withdrawn by letter	3
Deaths	1
	4
Present membership	291
Number of resident members	249
Nonresident members	42
Adult Baptisms	2
Infant "	17
Total	19

CHURCH TREASURER'S REPORT.

Cash at beginning of year, ... $2.95

Receipts:

Jan. 7,	Collection	6.89
26,	Contribution from Young Men's Bible Class	9 00
Mar. 4,	Collection	8.45
May 6,	"	5.27
July 1,	"	10.45
Sept. 2,	"	7.06
Nov. 4,	"	36.79
		$86.86

EXPENDITURES.

Feb. 7,	Dues, State Conference, '05	$7.97
21,	Toward printing annual	6.00
Mar. 12,	Home Missionary Society	8.45
May 4,	Baptismal certificates	.65
	For Cong. handbooks, '06	1.25
18,	Dues to Naugatuck Valley Conference	2 32
July 11,	Cash for A. B. C. F. M., (Foreign Missions)	10.45
Nov. 20,	American Missionary Assn	36 79
Dec. 10,	Dues, State Conference	7.38
		$81.26
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1906		5.60

C. J. ATWATER, Treas.

THE ECCLESIASTICAL SOCIETY.

OFFICERS ELECTED JAN. 4, 1907.

Society's committee, M C. Keir, Dr. B. S. Hall and William Harris.

Clerk John Swan.

Treasurer, C. J. Atwater.

Collector, H. H. Parsons.

Auditor, George E. O'Meara.

Tythingmen, J. W. DeForest and William Harris.

Special agent for the cemetery, C. J. Atwater.

Sexton of cemetery, G. W. Burroughs.

Committee on envelopes and collections, H. H. Parsons, W. N. Stevens, Morris Pearson, Oscar Hull, Ernest Taylor.

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF THE SOCIETY.

There has been a considerable increase in the membership of the Society, four-

teen members having been added since Jan. 1, 1906.

The pledges for the envelope collections for the year 1906 cover about $300.

The indebtedness of the church has been nearly cleaned up, through the aid of the different societies and by the church, bible class and society members.

JOHN SWAN, Clerk.

Report of the Society Treasurer.

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1906.

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1906,.....		$ 11.44
Received from pew rents		1,220.60
Collections, mornings....	$218.51	
Collections, evenings....	81.23	
		299 73
Collections from envelopes.....		236.01
Contributions for church debt...		458.00
Sale of stone post.....		4 00
		$2,229.78

PAYMENTS.

Salary of Pastor	$1,050.00
To Miss H. H. Bristol, organist....	154 00
J. W. DeForest, sexton.....	125 03
Mrs. H. Williams, singing	46.50
For fuel	98 06
For water rents	41.70
For collecting pew rents.....	25.04
Notes at Bank, with interest...	452.42
On old bill for electric wiring..	31.00
For improvements and repairs..	136.28
For incidentals.....	69.01
	$2,229.04
Balance in hands of treasurer..	.74

OUTSTANDING BILLS JAN. 1, 1907.

Insurance on church	$15.00
Coal.....	48.77
Water Co. bill to Nov. 1st	18.23
Seymour Lumber & Hdwe Co ...	13.51
Janitor	20.84
Organist.....	31.50
Collecting pew rents.....	21.49
Balance for electric wiring	77.53
	$246.87
Less pewrents called good by collector.....	130.00
	$116.87
A later contribution.....	20.00
Net debt of Society	$96.87

Report of Collector of Seat Rents.

For the year ending Dec. 31, 1906.

Total rental of seats from May 1, 1906 to Jan. 1, 1907.....	$792 87
Collections received on old year..	$157.50
Collections received Jan. 1, 1906, to May 1, 1906.....	414.85
Amount of collections received from May 1, '06 to Jan. 1, '07	648.25
Total receipts for the year.	$1,220.60
Due May 1, '05 to May 1, '06...	$23 00
" May 1, '06 to Jan. 1, '07...	144.12
Total due to Jan. 1, 1907...	$167.12

H. H. PARSONS, Collector.

THE SUNDAYSCHOOL.

Report of the Secretary.

The Sundayschool has had a very successful year and we feel highly gratified in saying that this is the first in a number of years during which Sundayschool has been held every Sabbath, not a lesson having been omitted.

Our annual picnic was held at Steeple Chase Island on Thursday, July 26, and was enjoyed by all who attended, and in this connection it might be well to mention that the expense was less than in previous years.

During the past year regular monthly meetings have been held the first Sunday in every month, as well as three special meetings. While at these meetings any business in connection with conducting the Sundayschool was disposed of, at the same time the main object has been to bring the officers and teachers together with a view of discussing questions pertaining to the welfare of the Sundayschool. At the last monthly meeting it was decided to adopt the coming year a plan for promoting Sundayschool attendance, to be known as the star system; those attending Sunday-

school regularly every Sunday for one month being entitled to wear a silver emblem in the form of a star for the following month, and a gold plated star emblem for regular attendance for a period of six months, while such scholars as do not miss a Sunday during the entire year will be awarded a gold star emblem.

Four entertainments were held during the year as follows: Easter concert, Children's Day, June 17th, Rally Day, Sept. 30th, and Christmas concert. On the occasion of Rally Day Rev. J. F. Johnston gave a very interesting discourse for the benefit of the children.

The Christmas concert was held Tuesday evening, Dec. 25th. After the entertainment in the church all adjourned to the parlors where a Christmas tree had been prepared, heavily laden with presents and candy, for distribution among the children.

In recognition and appreciation of the long and faithful services rendered the Sundayschool by Mr. C. J. Atwater, upon his retiring as superintendent, after having acted in that capacity for fifteen years, he was presented with a beautiful gift.

Through removal to another town we lost during the year one of our most faithful workers, Mr. Glover Mansfield, who at the time was second assistant superintendent.

In accordance with the vote passed at the last meeting held in 1905 a banner was procured and given to the class having the largest average per cent of attendance each month, the showing being as as follows:

MONTH.	CLASS.	PER CENT.
Jan.	Miss Florence Buckingham,	100
Feb.	Miss Olive Beach,	92
Mar.	Mrs. A. H. Sampson,	100
Apr.	Miss Olive Beach,	82
May	Mrs. Chas. McCabe,	87
June	Miss Olive Beach,	72½
July	Mrs. Chas. McCabe,	83
Aug.	Mrs. Chas. McCabe,	74
Sept.	Mr. M. C. Keir,	82
Oct.	Mr. M. C. Keir,	75
Nov.	Mr. Herbert O'Meara,	75
Dec.	Mrs. C. J. Atwater,	92½

Number of scholars enrolled.....265
Number of officers and teachers..... 28

Total number enrolled 293
Largest attendance, April 22, ...172
Smallest attendance, Nov. 11th,..... 42
Average attendance 136

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1907.

Superintendent, O. M. Williams.
First Asst. Supt., Dr. B. S. Hall.
Second Asst. Supt., Hary H. Parsons.
Secretary, Harry F. Mannweiler.
Treasurer, W. N. Stevens.
Librarian, Ernest Taylor.
Asst. Librarian, Albert Barr.

TEACHERS.

Miss Olive Beach.
Miss Lillian Michaels.
Mr Herbert O'Meara.
Mrs. C. J. Atwater.
Miss Harriet Bristol.
Miss Florence Buckingham.
Miss Ruth Cornforth.
Mrs. Ernest Taylor.
Mr. Harry H. Parsons.
Miss Margaret Keir.
Mrs. A. H. Sampson.
Mrs. Fred Peck.
Miss Mary Hill.
Dr. B. S. Hall.
Mr. M. C. Keir.
Mrs. T. B. Beach.
Mrs. E. W. Davis.
Mrs. Chas. McCabe.
Mrs. C. C. Radford.
Mr. Geo. E. O'Meara, Bible Class.
Rev. J. F. Johnston, Y. M. B. C.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. J. F. Johnston, Superintendent.
Miss Selina Edwards. Assistant.

HARRY F. MANNWEILER, Sec'y.

Report of the S. S. Treasurer.

Cash on Jan. 1, 1906	$ 19.07
Collections	145.67
	$164.74
Outstanding bills Jan. 1, 1906	$11.20
Sundayschool supplies for 1906	110.53
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1907	43 01
	$164.74

W. N. Stevens, Treas.

YOUNG MEN'S CLASS.

RECEIVED.

Balance from last year	$50.19
From Concert	54.30
From Supper	9.90
Collection	34 54
	$148.93

PAID OUT.

For electric light and wiring	$75.77
For flowers	2.10
For gifts from class	11 75
Improving class room	14.40
Concert tickets	3.15
Church bills	12.35
Miscellaneous	.50
To Sundayschool	3.45
	$123.42
Balance	35.46
	$148.93

C C. CORNFORTH, Treas.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Receipts from concert	$ 39.25
Received from S. S. Treasurer	10 00
	$49.25
Paid for doz. chairs at $6.00	$24.00
For flowers	3 00
" books, etc.	1 90
" tickets,	1.50
" wall mottoes	.70
" Christmas expenses	14.80
	$ 45 90
Balance	$ 3.35

Mrs. J. F. JOHNSTON, Sup't.

THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

Report of the Secretary for the Year Ending Jan. 1, 1907.

The Society has had a very successful year, the usual number of suppers have been given, $200 paid toward the church debt, $135 paid on the furnace debt, the individual communion service purchased, $15 sent to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, a missionary barrell sent to Gregory Institute of North Carolina, curtains back of the pulpit furnished, flowers sent to sick members, and other things as the call came.

The officers for the year are:

President, Mrs. W. N. Stevens.

1st Vice President, Mrs. Ezra Marion.

2nd Vice President, Mrs. A. T. Peck.

Secretary, Mrs. L C. McEwen.

Treasurer, Mrs. C. J. Atwater.

Directresses, Mrs. A. C. Dean, Mrs. T. B. Beach, Mrs A. H. Sampson, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Griswold, Mrs. Barnes.

Collector, Mrs. J. F. Johnston.

Entertainment committee, Miss Olive Beach, Miss Ruth Cornforth, Mrs. Griffith.

MRS. L. C. McEWEN, Secretary.

Report of the Treasurer of the Ladies' Aid Society from October, 1905, to October, 1906.

RECEIPTS.

Oct. '05.	
Cash on hand	$365.19
Suppers	86.23
Cook books	5.20
Lawn party	26.60
Toward cleaning church	2.76
Work	5 05
Dues	7.00
Interest	11.30
	$506.23

PAYMENTS.

Furnace for parsonage	$135.00
Papering bathroom in parsonage	4.80
Toward church debt	200.00
W. B. Foreign Missions	15.00
Communion service	45.64

Insurance on organ	60.00
Lining and cover for curtain	4.66
Kitchen stove and setting up	8.10
Flowers	1.70
Work and supplies	24.22
	$499.12
Balance	$ 7.11

MRS. C. J. ATWATER, Treas.

Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

OFFICERS.

President, Herbert G. O'Meara.

Vice President, Miss Harriet Chamberlin.

Cor. Secretary, C. J. Atwater.

Rec. Secretary, Miss Margaret E. Keir.

Treasurer, Mrs. W. J. Culverwell.

Supt. Junior C. E., Mrs. Chas. McCabe.

Chairmen of Committees.

Lookout, Rev. J. F. Johnston.

Prayermeeting, Miss Jean C. Keir.

Social, Miss Alice M. Michaels.

Missionary, Miss Mary Hill.

Sundayschool, Mrs. W. N Stevens.

Music, Miss Selena Edwards.

Floral, Ruth Cornforth.

Calling, Mrs. J. B. Weymer.

Finance, W. N. Stevens.

The membership of the society is 57; active 51, associate 2, absent list 6, honorary members 8.

Meetings have been held every Sunday evening and during July and August were held in conjunction with the regular evening service.

The executive committee, consisting of the chairmen of the different committees and the officers, have been voted the power to transact all regular business for the society.

During the last year the greatest advance has been made along financial lines, which will be shown by the treasurer's report.

Much to the regret of the society Mr. Mansfield, the president appointed last April, was forced to resign because of his removal from town. The society owes a great deal to the efforts he made and fully appreciates them.

The society also has rented a seat in the church.

The society is growing, new life is coming in, and all things point toward an increasing interest and progress.

M. E. KEIR, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1906	$14 41
Received from collections	7.77
" " suppers	24.72
" " chimes	48 00
" " pledges	28.60
	$123.50

PAYMENTS.

For seat rent	$41.67
" printing	6.00
" Topic cards	13 15
Per capita tax	3.80
For flowers, suppers, books, etc.	5.37
Towards church debt	50 00
	$119 99
Cash on hand Jan. 1, '07	$ 3 51

MRS. W. J. CULVERWELL, Treas.

THE JUNIOR ENDEAVOR SOCIETY.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

We now have a membership of about fiftyseven with and average attendance of about fortyfive. The boys and girls seem to be, and I believe they are, interested in their society. They recognize it as something of their own. They have their own officers and committees, and we have them do their own work just as far as it is possible. We meet every Sunday for an hour, having our regular lesson. I think they have without doubt made advancement the past year, and I think and hope we will continue to advance this year.

We aim to have this a training school where they will be trained for church work so that when they leave us they will not only be qualified, but also willing to help with the church work. It is

a work that cannot be overestimated in its importance. We need the help of the church and the senior society. Let the boys and girls see that you are interested in them. Ask them how they are progressing and drop into their meetings occasionally. Remember us in your prayers as well as the other branches of the church work.

We have about $5 on hand at this time

RHODA S. McCABE.

Summary of Local Expenses for 1906.

(Including repairs and improvements, but omitting payments on previous indebtedness.)

Per church treasury	$15.66
Per society treasury, (omitting payments on previous indebtedness)	1,777 04
Per S S treasurer's report	110.53
Per Y. M. B. C.	119.97
Per primary department	35 90
Per Y. P. S. C. E	28.32
Per Ladies' Aid Society	284.12
Total	$2,381.54

Summary of Contributions for Missions

For Foreign Missions, collections	$10.45
By the Ladies' Aid Society	15 00
	$25 45
For Home Missions, collections	45.24
Total for Missions	$70.69

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

Seymour, Conn , Oct. 2nd, 1906.

The Ecclesiastical Society of the Seymour Congregational church at their meeting held last evening expressed the desire that the following resolutions of condolence be drawn up and forwarded to the family of the late Albert Swan, spread upon the records of the church, and published in the Seymour Record.

In the name of the Congregational Church, this society of which our brother lately lamented was the honored clerk, desire hereby to express their heartfelt and deepest sympathies to the sorrowing parents and brothers and sister who have been so suddenly bereft of a son and brother dearly beloved.

We esteemed him and were guided by his prudence and foresight to an unusual degree whilst he was clerk of this society. We more and more realized how far sighted and valuable his judgments were concerning methods and aims and attainment in church life and work. We mourn, and we mourn deeply, his early demise. Our hearts are entwined with yours in this trial and loss, but with you too, we rejoice in the hope and the blessed assurance that his absence from the body of pain and weighted care means presence with his Lord and Saviour in that city in whose homes there is no pang, and without whose gates there is no God's acre.

"No dread of wasting sickness,
No thought of ache or pain,
No tretting hours of weakness,
Shall mar our peace again.
No death our homes o'er shading
Shall e'er our harps unstring,
For all is life unfading
In presence of our King."

J. F. JOHNSTON,
C. W. MICHAELS,
Committee.

'ALBERT SWAN MEMORIAL HALL.'

The parish house, whose donor is Mr. James Swan, is to be named as above in beloved memory of the late Albert Swan. The measurements are 50x30, two story, with basement the full size of the building. It will be of the most durable brick and with slate roof. There are rooms on the ground floor for (1) the primary department of the Sunday-school, (2) the young ladies, (3) the young men, (4) general reading room with an adjoining library and fireplace. This room is designed also for such uses as the ladies of the church may use it for.

The second floor will be a lecture hall and will have an adjoining library. The basement is primarily for athletic purposes. The building is altogether a handsome structure and undoubtedly will greatly add to the working equipment of the congregation which is growing in size and usefulness.

MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY.

The names of the members of the Society were given in last Annual in the order of admission. For convenience of reference they are now given in alphabetical order, with additions to date.

John W. Smith. the senior member of the Society—his membership dating from 1870—died Feb. 17th, aged 71 years. He was a man of sterling integrity and of excellent judgement, and was universally respected

Albert Swan, the Clerk of the Society, died Sept. 19th, aged 32 years. He was one of Seymour's most respected and beloved young men. and as Clerk of the Society was one of the most efficient in the management of its affairs and finances. Resolutions adopted at a meeting of the Society will be found on page seven.

B B. Thayer, whose membership also dated from 1870, died Dec. 15th. aged 69 years. He was a veteran of the war for the preservation of the Union,

Four have removed from town, thereby terminating their membership, as provided in Article 1, Sec. 3, of the bylaws.

Clifford J. Atwater.
William A. Baldwin.
William J. Barr.
James B. Baylis.
Andrew Y. Beach.
Sharon D. Beach.
Charles S. Buck.
S. W. Buckingham.
H. O. Chatfield.
Robert G. Cornforth.
Edward R. Davis.
E. W. Davis, M. D.
Edmund Day.
John W. DeForest.
Walter W. Dorman.
A. B. Dunham.
Charles H. Finkle.
George W. French.
B. S. Hall, D. D. S.
William Halligan.
Harvey S. Halligan.
William Harris.
Edwin F. Hodge.
Oscar Hull.
W. D. Ingersoll.
David Johns, Jr.
James P. Johnstone.
Malcolm C. Keir.
H. C. Kerr.
Ezra J. Marion.
George E. Matthies.
Charles H. Mason.
Charles Maybury.
Jesse B. Maynard.
Charles McCabe.
Louis V. McEwen.
Charles H. Michaels.
William B. Nichols.
Frederick O'Meara.
George E. O'Meara.
Harry H. Parsons.
Frederick M. Parsons.
Russell M. Parsons.
Morris A Pearson.
Charles Reynolds.
C. Henry Reynolds.
William C. Sharpe.
John J. Smith.
Robert N. Smith.
Wilbur W. Smith.
Charles E. Spencer.
W. J Spencer.
Wilbur N Stevens.
Gabriel Stewart.
James Swan.
John Swan.
Ernest Taylor.
Thomas Thomas.
William L. Ward.
Wilfred I. Warren.
Eben G. Wheeler.
Charles P. White.
Oliver M. Williams.
Thomas Williams.
W. H. H. Wooster.
Eugene H. Wyant.
Frank Wyant.

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RECORD PRINT, SEYMOUR.

The First 58 Years of the Seymour Congregational Church, from 1789 to 1847.

From the original organization of the society to the erection of the third church.

By W. C. Sharpe, Clerk of the Church.

April 21, 1907.

(Written by request of the pastor for the sixtieth anniversary celebration of the third church and read at the evening service.)

The church of the Puritans and the Pilgrims, the church that was the first and almost the only ecclesiastical organization in Connecticut for more than a century, was also the first to be organized in what is now Seymour. It was on the third of November, 1789, one hundred and eighteen years ago, that twentysix persons signed a statement that "they had joined and paid towards the support of the Congregational society in Derby, near Bladen Brook, and mean for the future to support the gospel there." Rev. Benjamin Beach was engaged as pastor and they immediately began to plan for building a church, or "meeting house," as was then the term in common use. The location decided upon was the site now occupied by the Methodist Episcopal church.

Building a church was then a very serious undertaking, from every point of view. The larger timber for the frame had to be secured by going into the woods and selecting suitable trees, cutting them down and hewing them into shape, and hauling them to the site for the church.

For the smaller timber and boards the logs were hauled to the village sawmill, and the nails were all made by hand at the blacksmith shop. But the men of 1790 were dismayed at no difficulty and the meeting house was duly erected and for more than half a century served well the purpose for which it had been planned. A parsonage was also built, and the building is still standing, next east of the Methodist parsonage, and is even now, after the lapse of more than a century, a large and handsome residence.

During the war of 1812, and in the hard times that followed, the society seemed to have had a precarious existence. The records of the earlier years are not found, except some brief mention in the records of the town of Derby.

The society was reorganized on the twelfth of March, 1817, that date being a notable one in the history of the church. Five clergymen assembled to give the church a new impetus, Rev. Nathaniel W. Taylor and Rev. Samuel Merwin of New Haven, Rev. Bennett Tyler of South Britain, Rev. Bela Kellogg, and Rev. Zephaniah Swift of Derby. Only nine persons were then recorded as members, 17 less than when the church was first organized 28 years before. Its membership did not, however, remain so limited, for before the close of the month nineteen additional members were received, largely by letter from the church at Great Hill.

The meetinghouse was sold the next year, but continued to be used as a meetinghouse until 1847. The old building was commodious, though very plain. There are yet several living in town who remember it as it appeared in 1847. In fact, although I was but a child, I remember attending services there with my parents. I remember the big wood stove near the center of the meetinghouse, and the foot stoves that the people brought with them to keep their feet warm during the services. These were filled with live coals before leaving home, but replenished from the meeting house stove for the afternoon services. I recall, too, that in the summer time the swallows found their way in under the eaves and flew overhead to their nests under the roof. There were galleries along the north and south sides, the church standing nearly due east and west.

Mrs. Sarah Jones, daughter of Deacon Bradford Steele, wrote to her sister, fiftyone years ago, concerning the old church, saying: "I feel a peculiar interest in that church, well knowing its history from the first. This is not its first struggle. I well remember when a mere child of seeing the anguish of my mother's heart for its depression. The building was where the Methodist church now stands. I well remember when it was done off (what doing off there was). It was divided off into pews. It was neither lathed nor plastered, and but poorly clapboarded. Many times I brushed the snow off the seat before sitting down. Its exterior resembled a barn more than a church. Still it was loved, and probably had as true worshippers in it as those of modern style. You, my dear sister, know, as yet, but very little of the struggles of our ancestors to perpetuate the blessings we have enjoyed."

The second church, which was built soon after the sale of the first church, stood on the plateau on the west side of South Main street, at the north end of the cemetery. This church was occupied until the completion of the present edifice, sixty years ago.

Among the clergymen who faithfully served the church during the forty years after the reorganization and preceding the completion of this church were such honored names as Rev. Bela Kellogg, Rev. Ephraim G. Swift, Rev. Amos Pettingill, Rev Charles Thompson, Rev. Rollin S. Stone, Rev. John E. Bray and Rev. William B. Curtis.

Among the members were Deacon Bradford Steele and Chester Jones, soldiers of the Revolution; John H. DeForest, then at the head of the leading industries of the place and the fath-

er of sons who were afterward prominent in literature. in mission work and in finance; William Humphreys, merchant, nephew of General David Humphreys; Henry Botsford, Deacon Nehemiah Botsford, Hiram Upson, Daniel White, Lemuel Bliss, Moses Andrews, Ephraim G. Swift, Deacon Alfred Huli, Aaron C. Parsons, and others of the old school of orthodoxy and earnest Christianity of the Puritan stamp.

The old volumes of records of the church in the first half of the last century bear witness to the faith and reverence and charity of those who then constituted the membership of the church. This, I find, in the profession of faith, the covenant, the standing rules, and in reference to those who differed in opinion from the accepted belief of the church. There are in the the latter no unkind words, only evidence of earnest and kindly efforts In their behalf, an example which we in this day and time would find it difficult to excel.

During this first half of the history of the church that good work was done is shown not only in these old records, but far more in the results to be traced in the community, and wherever its sons and daughters have gone to carry and to live its teachings. This church has been a worthy representative of the many New England churches which have had a large share in laying deep and broad the foundations of this great republic. We give all praise to other churches for the good work they have done, but the fact remains that the Congregational churches or societies, as the earliest religious organizations of New England, had an immense influence in the formation of our government on a basis of individual liberty and Christian principle, and in making this people what it is today, the leading Christian nation of the world.

On the eastern hilltop the church first rose
To add to life's joys and to lessen its woes.
Then forty years on the hillside it stood,
Right living to teach and ever do good.
Then down to the valley among us it came,
Teaching always the truth forever the same,
To gather in those for whom it would serve,
A people of brain and a people of nerve.
Three score years it has served us here,
And now it will fill a much larger sphere.
Through the bounteous gift of a generous man,
Who wishes to do all the good that he can.
That long it may serve the young and the old,
And the wanderers gather into the fold.
In the next sixty years of this old church home
May its sons and daughters wherever they roam,
Remember with love and with reverent pride
Its generous plans and its tolerance wide,
Its care for the young and respect for the old,
Defense of the truth ever kindly yet bold.
The sum of its work will eternity tell,
May the Master then say that we have done well.

SERMON BY REV. T. E. DAVIES,

In the Congregational Church, Seymour, April 21st, 1907.

We are here today to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the completion and dedication of the sacred edifice wherein we are assembled.

It is wise and profitable for us to observe such events; they tend to deepen our appreciation. Who can adequately weigh, or measure, the sacred influence which this religious edifice has exerted upon human lives and characters in this community during all these years!

We are all prone to forget and to ignore such sacred influences, and to undervalue them in the unfoldings of our own lives and those of others. In fact, we are prone to overlook and undervalue all the influences which are brought to bear upon us, the bad as well as the good. Yet we are in reality, to a very large extent, the products, physically, mentally and spiritually, of these very influences.

From the cradle to the grave, or from the day of our birth to the day of our death, we are subject to numerous modifying forces which are resident within our immediate environments in our present life and from which we cannot free ourselves, do what we will.

And it is not going too far, or saying too much, to say that, in the end, we become very largely what they have helped to make us!

Every external object affects and modifies us more or less, physically and mentally, either for our good, or for our harm. Nothing in us or about us is either inert or neutral. Like God himself, everything in the whole universe is at work continually, and ever must be.

Those of you who have been long residents of this town, and village, especially those of you who were born and reared here, have been powerfully and permanently affected in bone and sinew, body and spirit, yes, in the sum total of your being, by all the forces, physical, mental, social and spiritual, which have made up your environments here. In other words, all that have gone to make up the town and village of Seymour, as it has been, and as it now is.

In this large catalogue of modifying forces which have been molding you, and making you what you are today, belong not only the streets, the houses, the rivers, the mills, the stores, the saloons, the schools, the churches, and the railway, but the very soil itself also, the hills and the valleys, and old "Castle Rock" yonder, which is so typical of resistless strength and majesty—all these and more have contributed their quota of influence to make each one of you what you are to-day in body and mind, as men and women, boys and girls! They have all

conspired to impart to each and all of you a certain local coloring and peculiarities which you could not exactly duplicate anywhere else in the world! The people of Massachusetts are a little different from the people of Connecticut, and the people of New Jersey are a little different from the people in New York. Why? Because the modifying influences of their environments are different. You people of Seymour differ a little, in many ways, from your neighbors in Ansonia, and Naugatuck! Why? Because you are not surrounded by exactly the same influences. The sun in the heaven shines upon you from a little different angle. You are breathing a different atmosphere, and are subject to hosts of different modifying forces, both visible and invisible.

As a specific illustration of my meaning, consider a few of the local sources of the impressive influences which have been coming to you in the past, and which are coming to you still unceasingly, day and night, year in, and year out, like the air you breathe, and the sunbeams which illuminate your pathway, and always either for your good, or for your harm.

Yonder on the hillside stands your beautiful schoolhouse which is surely a credit to you. In itself, it is the embodiment and expression of the wisdom and generosity of men and women who have already passed, or are now rapidly passing away. They built, not for themselves, but for those who should come after them—their children, and their children's children.

That schoolhouse appeals eloquently every morning to every boy and every girl of school age in this village and vicinity to go thither, and gladly acquire that intellectual training for home and civic life which awaits them, and wherein they must be either good or bad, useful or useless, happy or wretched. Boys and girls give ear to the appeals of your schoolhouse, and do not waste your opportunities to qualify yourselves for a good life.

In like manner, your numerous shops, and mills, and offices, and farms, are appealing urgently and eloquently to those of you, both men and women, who are farther along on life's journey, and have assumed life's sterner obligations. They are appealing to you to be true to your obligations and to "be diligent in business, serving the Lord."

When the day is ended, whether in the mill, or in the office, or on the farm, or in the schoolhouse, and whether the work done has been done faithfully and efficiently, or unfaithfully and inefficiently, another appeal comes to each one of you to which you are seldom if ever heedless, for it comes to you, if it comes at all, from the dearest spot on earth—your home, and "Home, sweet home, be it ever so humble, there is no place like home." Fortunate are all they, be they young or old, rich or poor, good or bad, who have a good home: they have one of the choicest blessings of life. God pity those who have no home, whatever may be their circumstances otherwise, for they are deprived of one of the choicest blessings of this earth-life.

But all the sources of influences in this town are not morally good, hence all the influences which come, and play upon you, as men and women, boys and girls, are not beneficent, and for your real good; some of them are bad, always bad.

It is unwise and unsafe to ignore or overlook the fact that malevolent and highly dangerous appeals are made which intermingle freely with those which are benevolent in their nature and purpose, in this town as elsewhere. And those who yield to them, do so to their own hurt always. We cannot escape the consequences of such mistakes, but must always suffer them. There is no escape.

The green fields and the shady forests, and the rocky peaks all about you appeal to you to visit them freely, and to share in their beauty, their grandeur, and their health-giving power.

The mills, and the stores, and the offices, and the fields appeal to you to enter them to earn an honest living, and to supply the needs of your persons and homes; and the church edifices, all of them, appeal to you to enter them at stated times for fellowship with one another, for instruction in Christian truth, for spiritual edification, and for communion with God. I am glad to be able to be sufficiently optimistic here today to believe that the beneficent sources of these appeals to you all, in this town, are in the majority, hence in control also, for "God is in His world," and where God is, there the majority, and the control must be.

But I must remind you again, not to forget the fact, that malevolent and ruinous appeals, from malevolent and vicious sources, are abroad here as elsewhere. I need not name them, you know whence they are, and what they are. Generally speaking, they are always those which appeal, not to your intelligence, not to your conscience, not to your reason, not to your spiritual nature, but to your flesh and blood, to your passions and your perverted appetites, to the weak and the bad in you. And they appeal to you to do things which, if you persist in doing, will eventually rob you of your manhood and womanhood, and make you unclean and despicable in your own eyes, as well as in the eyes of others.

We are today laying special emphasis on this sacred edifice as the source of unfailing beneficient influence and divine appeals to those who have their homes in this charming village. It has stood on this spot of ground for 60 years! Think how much that means! Those who

erected it, and dedicated it to the holy service of God, have mostly, if not all, gone to their reward, their pastor, William Curtis, with the rest.

During all these years, this "Shrine," this "house of prayer," has not failed, for a single day, or a single hour, to send forth its tender, divine appeals to the best in all the men, women and children of this village and vicinity. Like a true Evangel, it has ever been delivering its divine messages whether men listened or not. Among its messages were these, "It is the Spirit that quickeneth, the flesh profiteth nothing," "Ye are the children of the Lord your God," "Be true to your birthright, and live as God's children ought to live."

It is doubtless true that the people of this village and vicinity have not profited by this sacred edifice as much as they might. Yet it has not stood here in vain during all these years; many have felt its influence, many have been moved by its silent, mysterious appeals.

There has been something about it during all these years which has had a mysterious, sobering, purifying effect on the men and the women and the children who have lived and died here. As they passed it by either by day or by night, they walked with a softer tread, and spoke with subdued accents. Even strangers, while passing by, recognized its sacred character, and demeaned themselves accordingly.

There is something about a house of worship which makes us all feel more or less of awe as we enter or pass it.

None but God himself knows the true measure and value of the beneficent influence which has gone forth over this village and the country round about from this sacred edifice during the past 60 years. It is perfectly safe to assume here today, that it has been very great, and very good. In response to its gracious appeals, sin-sick souls have sought and found divine pardon and acceptance; discouraged souls have sought, and found encouragement and hope: suffering souls have sought, and found sympathy and love; weary souls have sought, and found shelter and rest; sorrowing souls have sought, and found consolation and joy!

Thoughtless ones, of all ages and conditions, have been made thoughtful here; hardened souls have melted like wax here; ignorant men and women have made wise unto salvation here, and the spiritually dead have been made spiritually alive within this divine sanctuary; prodigals have come to themselves here, and have resolved to return to their Father's house, to begin life over again!

The more we ponder the deep significance and spiritual value of the mute appeals which have gone out unceasingly from this sacred edifice for sixty years, simply because it is "A House of Prayer," the more wonderful it all becomes to us.

This house of worship is still appealing, and will continue to appeal to the men, and to the women, and to the youth and children of this community to be truer to themselves, and to each other; to cherish higher and holier ideals; to abandon evil ways, and to strive for higher attainments, and diviner lives.

Truly, this is none other than God's house and mercy-seat, the place where all who dwell, and have their homes in this beautiful village, if they are so minded, may meet their God, and receive His benediction. If they were only sufficiently spiritualized, they might even now see Him here as Moses saw Him in the Mount, and hear Him here as Elijah heard Him at the mouth of the cave!

You have done well to celebrate the 60th anniversary of this sacred house, but let not the matter drop with the closing hours of this anniversary, but let this holy place be more sacred to you tomorrow even than it is today. As you pass by it, by day and by night, remember that it is, in its way, God's Evangel appealing to you to be better men, and better women, better boys and better girls.

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Reports for the Year 1907. Lists of Officers, &c., for 1908.

Seymour Congregational Church.

Organized Nov. 3, 1789.

REV. J. F. JOHNSTON, Ph. D., Pastor.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Sunday 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Sundayschool after the morning service.

Christian Endeavor meeting Sunday evening at 6 o'clock.

Junior Christian Endeavor meeting at 4:15 p. m.

Midweek meeting Thursday evening at 7:30.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is administered on the first Sabbath morning in January, March, May, July, September and November

Collections are usually taken on the first Sundays of March, July and November as follows :—

March, for Home Missions.

July, for Foreign Missions.

Nov., for American Missionary Ass'n.

The remaining communion offerings are for church expenses.

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH.

CLERK, W. C. Sharpe.

TREASURER. C. J. Atwater.

AUDITOR, M. C. Keir.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE, Oliver M. Williams, Walter Stockton, Mrs. C. C. Radford, Mrs. W. N. Stevens, Mrs. C. J. Atwater.

S. S. SUPT., Oliver M. Williams.

DEACONS, Elected for Four Years.

Charles Maybury, elected 1905.

H. H. Parsons, elected 1906.

William Harris, elected 1907.

George E. O'Meara, elected 1908.

PASTORAL LETTER.

DEAR BRETHREN:—

We have had a most pleasant and prosperous year. Our families and people in general have for the most part suffered no calamity. In church life and work there has been much to gladden our hearts and inspire to greater efforts. The spiritual health of the congregation is normal.

The gift of "Memorial Hall" by James Swan places a remarkable opportunity before this congregation for churchly activities. It is well appointed for all uses of the modern church. The parsonage is now in excellent condition and in many regards is much better located than aforetime. The outlay necessitated by its removal to a new site has been fully subscribed and to a very considerable amount paid in. The improvements made in the basement of the church add greatly to the convenience of those utilizing the same for certain social purposes.

The attendance at the appointed services has been satisfactory and increasingly of interest. The several organizations are progressive and prosperous. The mutual good will and readiness to co-operate throughout the several departments of the church is specially encouraging.

The minister very earnestly desires to express his heartfelt gratitude to the deacons, the Ecclesiastical Society, and all who have in so many ways assisted in carrying through so successfully the many undertakings of the past year. To the aged ones let us all offer our best wishes for renewal of health and happiness in this year of our Lord. May there be light at even-tide.

Soon shall this earthly frame dissolve,
In death and ruins lie;
But better mansions wait the just.
Prepared above the sky.

Yours very faithfully,

J. F. JOHNSTON, Minister.

REPORT OF THE CHURCH CLERK.

Twentyfive members have been received during the past year, twenty by letter and five on profession. Those received by letter were Mrs. C. A. Buck. Miss Clara E. Buck, Harry C. Kerr, Mrs. Gertrude Kerr, Mrs. Mary Wilson, Mrs. Rebecca Anderson, Mrs. Mary A. Chatfield, Mrs. Alice L. Parsons, Robert G Cornforth, Gertrude E. Cornforth, Mrs. Elsie L. Wheeler, Frank E. Morris, Mrs Frank E Morris, Miss Grace E. Morris, Miss Ruth V. Morris, Walter N. Stock ton, Mrs. J. V. Stockton, Miss Helen I. Stockton, Mrs. Lillian M. Harrison, Mrs. Margaret M. Robinson.

Received on profession, Miss Lillian F. Atwood, Miss Helen T. Warner, Miss E. Lettie Warrender, Miss Olive L. Peck, Harold G. Stevens.

Five members have withdrawn by letter, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Hubbell removed to Ansonia, Mrs. Elizabeth Randell and Mrs. E. C. Sharpe to Willimantic ; and Miss Lottie R. Van Deusen to Beacon Falls ; and there has been one death, Mrs. James Swan, who died Jan. 18, 1907. This leaves the 310 names on the list of members of whom 267 are resident members and 43 non resident.

SUMMARY.

Number Jan. 1, 1907	291
New members	25
Withdrawn 1, died 1	6
Net gain	19
Total Jan. 1, 1908	310
Resident	267
Nonresident	43

There were six infant baptisms and two adult.

The church has prospered under the able leadership of our pastor and by the earnest support of the officers and members in every department of church work.

The 60th anniversary of the dedication of this Church which was observed on Sunday, April 21st, has been so thoroughly written up elsewhere that it need only be mentioned here.

The leading event of the past year has been the splendid gift of the Albert Swan Memorial Hall by Mr James Swan, which has been so well written up by the pastor in the souvenir booklet recently published, as also was the purchase of a new site for the parsonage and its removal to the new location and its being refitted and improved. It is now a handsome and commodious residence, pleasantly situated, and the society is now more worthily represented by it.

Great improvement has also been made in the arrangements and furnishings for heating the church.

W. C. SHARPE, Clerk.

CHURCH TREASURER'S REPORT.
For the year 1907.

Cash at beginning of year		$5.60
RECEIPTS.		
January 6th,	Collection	8.05
March 3d,	"	20.70
May 5th,	"	5 64
June 30th,	"	6.91
Sept. 1st,	"	4 88
Nov. 3rd,	"	11.26
		$63.04

EXPENDITURES.

Jan. 1,	Paid for Cong. Handbooks	$2.50
Mar. 5,	Contribution, famine fund	20.70
9,	On cost of church annual.	6.00
14,	Dues, Naugatuck Valley Conference	2.32
July 8,	For A. B. C. F. M	6.91
10,	36 Baptismal certificates	4.50
Dec. 5,	American Missionary Assn.	11.26
28,	Dues, State Conference	8.77
		$62.96
	Balance on hand	.08

Seymour, Conn., Jan. 10th, 1908.

C. J. ATWATER, Treasurer.

THE ECCLESIASTICAL SOCIETY.

OFFICERS ELECTED JAN. 3, 1908.

Clerk, John Swan.

Society's committee, Dr. Hall, H. C. Kerr, F. M. Parsons.

Treasurer, C. J. Atwater.

Collector, H. H. Parsons.

Auditor, C. H. Michaels.

Agent for the cemetery, C. J. Atwater.

Tithingmen, George Wyant, William Harris

Committee on envelope system, Herbert O'Meara, M. C. Keir, H. H. Parsons, Ernest Taylor, W. N. Stevens.

Sexton of the cemetery, G. W. Burroughs.

M. C. Keir, who has been chairman of the society's committee for thirteen years, declined a re-election and a vote of thanks was given him for his long and faithful service.

REPORT OF THE SOCIETY CLERK.

Monthly and also a number of special meetings of the Ecclesiastical Society were held during the past year and were well attended. In January a special meeting was held, at which the society and church voted to accept the gift from James Swan of a Memorial Hall in memory of his son, Albert Swan, to be built on the parsonage lot.

At a meeting held Feb. 4th it was voted to move the parsonage to a suitable site and to authorise the society committee to borrow or otherwise raise the funds necessary, and appointed C. W. Michaels, R. G. Cornforth and John Swan to act with the church committee in selecting a suitable site for the parsonage and have it moved and put in proper condition for occupancy.

At a special meeting held Feb 14th it was voted to buy the Howard lot for $600.00.

At a special meeting May 20th it was voted to mortgage the parsonage property for $1,800 00 and C. J. Atwater was appointed agent to execute the note.

On June 3rd it was voted to leave the improvements of the heating apparatus in the hands of the society committee and Rev. J. F. Johnson was appointed to raise a parsonage fund. James Baylis was appointed collector.

Oct. 7th it was voted to ask the several organizations in the church to unite and hold a bazaar, three fourths of the proceeds to be applied to expenses incurred for the heating improvements and one fourth towards furnishing the Memorial Hall.

At a meeting held Nov. 7th it was voted that the society's committee have circular letters sent to each seat holder requesting reply in regard to seats for coming year.

The parsonage fund has $2,300.00 pledged and over $900 00 collected. Three years is allowed for payments.

The bazar held in Memorial Hall in December cleared about $534.00.

The following new members of the society have been elected: Wm. H. Decker, H. G. O'Meara, C. H. Couine.

JOHN SWAN, Clerk.

Report of the Treasurer of the Society for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1907.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1907.....		$ .74
Receipts from pew rents		1,167.43
Collections, mornings...	$203.94	
Collections, evenings....	79.94	—283.93
Collections, envelope system...		213.87
Borrowed money, note discounted at bank.....		146.90
Contribution toward church debt		1 00
Total receipts.....		$1,813.87

EXPENDITURES.

Pastor's salary to Jan. 1st.....	$1,100.04
Sexton's salary to Jan. 1st, from Nov. 1st, '06.....	145.88
Organist's salary to Oct. 1st, '07, from Nov. 1st, '06.....	154.00
Water rent, May 1st, '06, to May 1st, '07.....	42.95
Collecting pew rents to Jan. 1, '07	21.49
Insurance.....	22.32

Coal and wood	122.72
Repairs	95.78
Pulpit supply, vacation	24.00
Repairs of organ	22 75
Envelopes for collections, 2 yrs.	19.40
Printing and stationery	22 25
Sundries	16.29
Total	$1,809.87
Cash in treasury	4 00

Amounts paid on bills contracted before Jan. 1st, 1907.

Sexton	$20 84
Organist	31.50
Water rent	18.23
Collecting pew rents	21.49
Coal and wood	43.97
Envelopes, for collections	11.60
Insurance	15 00
Repairs	13.51
Sundries	7.50
Total	$183.64

C. J. ATWATER, Treasurer.

Report of the Treasurer of the Parsonage Building Fund, Seymour Congregational Society, Jan. 1st, 1908.

RECEIPTS.

Loan from Henrietta E. Hitchcock, secured by mortgage	$1,800.00
Contributions received from individuals	590.00
Total receipts	$2,3900.00

EXPENDITURES.

For Parsonage lot	$600.00
Interest on mortgage loan	45.00
Interest on other notes	7.59
William Harris	518.90
W. T. Lanyon	220.00
A. T. Peck	472.50
Culverwell & Kerr	243 35
W. W. Dorman	4 50
E. K. Tomlinson	2.25
Seymour Decorating Co	2.25
E. F. Hodge	4.68
Seymour Trucking Co., hauling soil	12.40
Seymour Lumber & Hdw. Co.	11.10
W. E. Downs, grading	13.70
Hazard Mfg. Co., wire rope for fence	10.00
Laborer	1.00
Kottman & Beach	9.00
On principal of mortgage note	200.00
	$2,388.22
Cash on hand of Building Fund.	$1.78

Amount due on mortgage note, $1.600 with interest from Dec. 1st.

C. J. ATWATER, Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR.

Jan. 1, 1907 to Jan. 1, 1908.

Total amount of pew rentals in 1907	$1.362 20
Collected on year 1907.	$1.008.81
" " " 1906	151.96
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Whole amount collected	$1,167.43
Amount due Jan. 1, 1908, on year 1907	$353.39

HARRY H. PARSONS,
Collector.

THE ENVELOPE COLLECTION.

Cash received on collections Jan. 1, 1907, to Jan. 1, 1908 $213 83

There are now fifty that contribute by the envelope system, the contributions amounting to just a little over $200 00 a year.

H. H PARSONS, Treas.

PARSONAGE FUND.

Amount pledged	$2,280.00
Collected and paid to Treasurer:	
July 23	$180 00
Aug. 14	55.00
Sept. 18	53 00
Sept 24	107.00
Nov. 18	176 00
Dec. 24	19 00
	$590.00
Collected since	$70.00

JAMES BAYLIS, Collector.

THE SUNDAYSCHOOL.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1908.

Superintendent, O. M. Williams.
First Asst. Supt., Dr. B. S. Hall.
Second Asst. Supt., Harry H. Parsons.
Secretary, Harry F. Mannweiler.
Asst. Secretary, Chas Stapf.
Treasurer, W. N. Stevens.
Librarian, Ernest Taylor.
Asst. Librarian, Albert Barr.

BOOK COMMITTEE.

Mrs. C. C. Radford. Ernest Taylor.
W. C Sharpe.

TEACHERS.

Miss L. Warrender,	Mrs. C. J. Atwater,
Miss Harriet Bristol,	Miss F. Buckingham,
Mrs. William Pearson,	Mrs. Ernest Taylor,
Miss Mary Hill,	Mrs. J. A. Griffith,
Miss Florence O'Meara,	Mrs. T. B. Beach,
Mrs. K. C. Radford,	Mrs. J. Weymer,
Mrs. E. F. Hodge,	Mrs. Fred Smith,
Mrs. A. H. Sampson,	Mrs. Dr. Warner,
Mrs. George Wyant,	Mrs. Arthur Peck,
Mrs. Fred Peck,	Miss Mary Anthony,
Herbert O'Meara,	Harry H. Parsons,
M. C. Keir,	C. J. Atwater,
J. F. Johnston,	Clarence Cornforth,
Geo. E. O'Meara,	

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Superintendent, Mrs. J. F. Johnston.
Asst. Supt., Miss Selina Edwards.
Kindergarten, Miss Rachel Cornforth.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

The Sundayschool closed a year that is highly gratifying in that it held a session every Sabbath.

The annual picnic was held on Steeplechase Island on Wednesday, July 24th, and apparently was enjoyed by all who attended, there being an unusually large party.

During the year regular monthly meetings were held same as previous year, on the first Sunday of each month.

The following entertainments were held: Children's Day, June 9th. Rally Day Sept. 29th, and Christmas concert, the latter being held in the church on Friday evening Dec. 27th. Mr. Michaels very kindly assisted the school on this occasion by presenting the scholars with candy.

We mourn the loss of one of our members, Miss Lillian Hummel, she having passed to the great beyond Aug. 24th, at the age of 16 years.

The banner classes for the various months during the year having the highest average per cent of attendance were as follows:

MONTH.	CLASS.	PER CENT.
Jan.	Mrs. E. Taylor	98
Feb.	Mrs. C. J. Atwater	100
Feb.	Mrs. W. Pearson	100
Feb.	Dr. Hall	100
Mar.	Miss Mary Hill	100
Apr.	Mrs. W. Pearson	96
May	Mrs. C. J. Atwater	87½
May	Miss Mary Hill	87½
June	Miss Mary Hill	90
July	Miss Mary Hill	87½
Aug.	Miss Mary Hill	87½
Sept.	Miss Mary Hill	100
Oct	Mrs. C. J. Atwater	100
Nov.	Mrs. C. J. Atwater	95
Dec.	Mr. Harry Parsons	92

The names of scholars who attended Sundayschool every Sunday in the year 1907, and are entitled to a gold star, are as follows:

Fred Mengedick, Eugene Burgess, Florence Johns, Willie Burton, Clarence Smith, Edna Woodbridge, William Mengedick, Fred Hilderbrand, Stanley Parsons, Harold Maybury, Walter Stapf, Elizabeth Russell, John Harris, Mildred Kerr, Burton Johns, Lavinia Baker, Marion Baylis, Dorothy O'Meara, Cornelius Ryder, Culver Williams, Howard Parsons, Russell Peck, Minnie Borsuch, Fannie Buehler, Bertha Borsuch, Irene Kampf, Willie Adams, Longford Warrender, George Guild, Lawrence Woodbridge, Harold Sampson, Myra Peck, Kenneth Guild, Florence Stapf, Martha Borsuch, Miss Selina Edwards, Mrs. J. F. Johnston, Miss Lillian Atwood, Miss Helen Warner, Miss Olive Peck, Miss Mary Hill, Herbert O'Meara, Mrs. Geo. Wyant, Mrs. Fred Smith.

At the sixtieth anniversary of the present church edifice, held on Sunday,

April 21st, 1907, the afternoon session at 3 o'clock was for the Sundayschool, (of which a full report was published in the SEYMOUR RECORD of April 25th.)

Number of scholars enrolled in 1907..253
Number of officers and teachers..... 38

Total number enrolled.....291
Largest attendance, April 21.....239
Smallest attendance, Aug. 18.....108
Average attendance 165

HARRY F. MANNWEILER, Sec'y.

REPORT OF THE S. S. TREASURER.

Total collections for 1906.....	$164.74
Smallest collection during year, August 19th.....	.80
Largest collection during year, Dec. 23.....	8.00
Balance on hand, Dec. 31st,....	43.01

1907.

Total money received.....	$225 37
Smallest collection in year, Sept. 23,	1.69
Largest collection in year, Jan. 13,	7.18
Cash on hand Dec. 31st.....	$32 65

W. N. STEVENS. Treas.

The Young Men's Bible Class.

The Y. M. B C. during 1907 held except during July and August a weekly meeting for Bible and religious study. During the year steps were taken toward entire and more efficient organizatian, hence the adoption of Bylaws and such other regulations as are needed in connection with the management of the gymnasium. They have looked after the electric lighting cost of the Church. They also purpose to assist the Ecclesiastical Society in looking after the lighting expense of "Memorial Hall."

The officers for 1907 were Oscar Hull, pres., M. A. Pearson, secretary, C. Cornforth, treasurer.

The officers for 1908 are :—
President, Chas. H. Conine.
Vice president, Wm Harris.
Secretary, J. B. Baylis.
Treasurer, Wm. H. Decker.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

The progress and attendance of the primary department throughout the year has been very satisfactory. A number received gold stars for perfect attendance. With the advantages of the new building it is planned to do more systematic work and to divide the Primary into three grades, the Kindergarten. the Juniors and the Seniors.

Fifty dollars has been paid on the parsonage fund and $100.00 more promised in the next three years.

Balance on hand from 1906.....	$ 3 35
Receipts from concert.....	53 35
C R. collections.....	2.73
	$59.43
Expense of concert (tickets, etc.)	$4.71
C. Roll supplies.....	1.17
C. Roll bank.....	1.00
Paid on Parsonage Fund.....	50.00
	$56 88
Balance.....	$2.55

MRS. J. F. JOHNSTON, Supt.

Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

OFFICERS.

President, Herbert O'Meara.
Vice President, Mrs. Buckingham.
Secretary, Mae C. Wheeler.
Treasurer, David Harris.

Chairman of Committees.

Lookout, Alice Michaels.
Prayermeeting, Helen Stockton.
Social, Mrs. Sampson.
Sundayschool, Mrs. W. N. Stevens.
Missionary, Eva O'Meara.
Music, Carrie Burgess.
Floral, Margaret Thompson.
Calling, Miss Mary Hill.

The membership of the society is 79; active 57, associate 8, absent list 6, honorary members 8.

Meetings have been held every Sunday evening, and during July and August our meetings were held in place of our preaching service.

The society has agreed to pay $50 a

year, beginning Sept. 1, 1907, to Sept. 10, 1910, toward the parsonage fund.

MAE C. WHEELER, Secretary.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF Y. P. S. C. E.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1907	$3 51
Received from magazine subscription	4.50
Received from collections	4.40
	$12 41

PAYMENTS.

For printing	$4.50
For slip rent	5.00
For flowers, wreaths and fruit	2 45
	$11 95
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1908	.46
	$12.41

D. W. HARRIS, Treasurer.

JUNIOR ENDEAVOR SOCIETY.

The enrollment numbers 68. The society is very active and quite promising. The weekly attendance has been satisfactory.

Receipts for the year 1907	$32 64

EXPENDITURES.

For new Hymnals	$18.00
For bank and par, etc	2.75
Towards fair	2.40
For missions	5.49
Total	$28.64
Balance Dec. 31, 1907	$4.00

Amount pledged to the Parsonage Fund, $100.00.

MRS. R. M. PARSONS,
Acting Pres.

THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

Report of the Secretary for the Year Ending Jan. 1st, 1908.

The year which has just passed has been a great success. At the beginning of the year, the plan was suggested of asking the people of the congregation to contribute a penny a day, instead of having so many suppers, an occasional social with light refreshments, to be held for the purpose of bringing the people together. The plan of systematic giving met with approval and was successfully carried out. Two socials were held and the annual Orange Tea

A missionary barrel was sent to Gregory Institute, North Carolina; $15.00 given to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions; $200.00 promised towards the Parsonage Fund, and flowers were sent to sick members.

At one of the late meetings of the society it was voted to dispense with the membership fee and to consider each lady of the congregation a member of the society.

The officers for the year are :—

President, Mrs. A. T. Peck.

1st Vice President, Mrs. Ezra Marion.

2nd Vice President, Mrs. Wm. Decker.

Secretary, Mrs. L. C. McEwen.

Treasurer, Mrs. C. J. Atwater.

Directresses, Mrs. T. B. Beach. Mrs. A. H. Sampson, Mrs Holmes Mrs E. L. Griswold. Mrs. Fred Peck, Mrs. Ernest Taylor, Mrs. J. F. Johnston.

Entertainment Committee, Mrs. Geo. Wyant, Mrs. John Chamberlin, Mrs. A H. Sampson, Mrs. Fred Peck Mrs Fred Parsons, Mrs. Lewis C. McEwen.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. LEWIS C. McEWEN,
Secretary.

Report of the Treasurer of the Ladies Aid Society, October 1906, to October, 1907.

RECEIPTS.

Oct 17, 1906 Cash on hand	$7.11
Penny collections	421 98
Calendars	86.00
Orange Tea	38.78
Hymnbooks	3.75
Cookbooks	1.65
Work	6.35
Contributed	4.02
Membership fees	5.00
	$574.64
PAYMENTS.	97.52
BALANCE	$477.12

JENNIE T. ATWATER, Treas.

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Report for 1907.

The Woman's Missionary Society was organized March 20, 1907. The object of the Society is to work for and promote interest in Home and Foreign Missions. Meetings are held the 3rd Friday in each month. Programs were arranged for each meeting to Jan. 1st, and each one has been carried out. A needy family in town has been aided and several children have been brought into the Sabbathschool through this work.

Three barrels of heavy clothing, furs, underwear, mittens, &c , were sent to Dr. Grenfell of Labrador, for distribution in his missionary work along the Labrador coast. A thank offering meeting was held and an interesting report of the Convention held in Worcester was given by Mrs. Sneath of West Haven.

Our work thus far, has not been great, still we feel that we have made a beginning and hope to report much more one year from now. At our annual meeting held in December, the following officers were elected—

President, Mrs. C. A. Buck.
Vice President, Mrs. T. B. Beach.
Secretary, Mrs. Ernest Taylor.
Treasurer, Mrs. J. A Griffith.

MRS. ERNEST TAYLOR,
Secretary.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Receipts during the year	$16.62
Expenditure	6.10
Amount on hand, Jan. 1,	$10.52

Respectfully submitted,
ANNA M. GRIFFITH, Treas.

Summary of contributions for Missions, etc.

Per Church Treasurer's report.

Am. Missionary Association	$11 26
A. B. C. F. M.	6 91
For Famine Fund	20.70

Per Ladies Aid Society.

Woman's Board of Foreign Missions	15 00
Gregory Institute, N. C.	20.00

Per Woman's Missionary Society.

Labrador Mission, goods valued at	50.00
Local charity	5.00

Per Junior Endeavor Society.

For Missions	5.49
Total,	$133 66

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Congregational Annual.

No. 17. SEYMOUR, CONN. JANUARY, 1909.

Reports for the Year 1908. Lists of Officers, &c., for 1909.

Seymour Congregational Church.

Organized Nov. 3, 1789.

REV. GEORGE F. ABEL, Pastor.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Sunday 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Sundayschool after the morning service.

Christian Endeavor meeting Sunday evening at 6 o'clock.

Midweek meeting Thursday evening at 7:30.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is administered on the first Sabbath morning in January, March, May, July, September and November.

Collections are usually taken on the first Sundays of March, July and November as follows :—

March, for Home Missions.

July, for Foreign Missions.

Nov., for American Missionary Ass'n.

The remaining communion offerings are for church expenses.

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH.

CLERK, W. C. Sharpe.

TREASURER, C. J. Atwater.

AUDITOR, M. C. Keir.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE, Charles H. Griffith, Walter Stockton, Mrs. C. C. Radford, Mrs. W. N. Stevens, Mrs. C. J. Atwater.

S. S. SUPT., Oliver M. Williams.

DEACONS, Elected for Four Years.

H. H. Parsons, elected 1906.

William Harris, elected 1907.

George E O'Meara, elected 1908.

Charles Maybury, elected 1909.

PASTOR'S LETTER.

DEAR FRIENDS,

We are beginning the year with the best of prospects. Our people are united and loyal Our property is in excellent condition. With a renovated and handsome church, with a parish house admirably suited to the social side of our church life, with the various organizations under excellent and skilled leadership, we ought to enjoy a year of spiritual growth and fruitfulness.

Let each one of us sacrifice personal feelings for the general good, learning to esteem the other better than ourselves, "looking not only on our own things, but also having a sympathic regard for the things of others." Then shall the blessing of our Master abide upon us, and there will be a continuance of the wonderful growth of the last few years.

Your Pastor,

GEO. F. ABEL.

REPORT OF THE CLERK.

Seventeen members have been received during the past year, three by letter, Mrs. L. C. McEwen and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Griffith; and fourteen on profession of faith, John B. Weymer, Jennie M. Beach, Jessie E. Thomas, Mary Barton, Chas. H. Morris, W. J. Culverwell, Mary MacDonald, Mildred Lee, Minnie Morris, Leon Maynard, Longford Warrender, Lottie Hummell, Sydney Reis, and Alice Reis.

One name has been dropped from the list, No. 733, and five have withdrawn by letter, Mrs. Lida M. Hotchkiss, Mattie W. Saxon, Mrs. H. A. May, John W. DeForest and Ida L. Pearson.

There have been five deaths.

Mar. 11, Thomas R. Williams, received Jan. 4, 1903.

April 2, Mrs. Abigail O'Meara, received May 9, 1880.

April 23, Mrs. Marion E. Spencer, received Mar. 7, 1852.

Dec. 31, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Botsford, received Feb. 28, 1882.

Sept. 23, James Swan, received Mar. 11, 1866. Mr. Swan was superintendent of the Sundayschool for eleven years and five months, and during all the fortytwo and a half years that he had been a member of the church had ever its best interests at heart and gave freely of both his time and means to advance its interests, finishing with the magnificent gift of the Albert Swan Memorial parish building.

SUMMARY OF MEMBERS.

Number of members Jan 1, 1908	310
Received during the year	17
	327
Withdrawn by letter	5
Deaths	5
Dropped from the list	1
	11
	316
Membership Jan. 1, 1908	291
Number of resident members	272
Nonresident members	44

Report of the Treasurer of the Church for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1908.

Cash on hand at beginning of year	$ .08
Receipts, Collections, Jan. 5	4.40
March 1	10 24
April 26	7.84
July 5	3.77
Sept. 6	2.27
Nov. 1	6.76
Total	$35.36

PAYMENTS.

Feb. 25, Half Cost of Church Annuals	$6.50
Mch. 3, Railway Fare of Delegate to Worcester Conference of Cong. Churches	5.10
Mch. 9, Check to Home Missionary Society	10.24
June 15, Cash for Pictures of Church Officers for Souvenir Book	3.72
July 20, Check to A. B. C. F. M.	3 77
Nov. 16, Check to American Missionary Association	6 76
Paid for Communion Wine	1.50
	$37.59
Deduct Cash on hand and receipts	35.36
Balance against Church	$2.23

C. J. ATWATER, Treasurer.

THE ECCLESIASTICAL SOCIETY.

OFFICERS ELECTED JAN. 4, 1909.

Clerk, John Swan.

Society's Committee, Dr. Hall, R. G. Cornforth, C. W. Michaels, F. M. Parsons.

Treasurer, C. J. Atwater.

Collector, H. H. Parsons.

Auditor, James B. Baylis.

Agent for the Cemetery, C. J. Atwater.

Tithingmen, George Wyant, William Harris.

Committee on Envelope System H. H. Parsons, Wm. H. Decker, Charles H. Conine. Ernest Taylor, W. N. Stevens

Sexton of the Cemetery, G. W. Burroughs.

Report of the Treasurer for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1908.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand at beginning of year		$ 4 00
Seat Rents		1,199 35
Collections, mornings	$212.93	
Collections, evenings	108 52	321.45
Loan, second mortgage on Parsonage		600.00
Fair, "Carnival of Ages"		331.19
Chrysanthemum Fair		395 00
Concert for piano fund, Y. M. B. C.		57.27
Envelope Collections		138.73
Loans for Piano Fund		142.73
Contributions for Improvements		185.00

Money found in Church		10.00
Cash, sale of old board walk		1.00
Total		$3,385.72

Bills contracted before Jan. 1st, 1908.

Work and materials for church basement—		
William Harris	$ 90.00	
J. L. Lanyon	139.31	
A. T. Peck	173 21	
Culverwell & Kerr	86.29	
Seymour Lumber & Hardware Co	72.66	
M. C. Keir, cash for sundries	5.06	
Geo. Wyant, painting	27.00	-$593.53
Other bills contracted before Jan. 1st—		
Organist and music	$50.00	
H. H. Parsons, collecting	30.37	
Insurance	83.60	
Water rent	19.60	
Seymour Electric Light Co., balance of bill for wiring church	67 75	
Coal	94 19	—345.51
Total payments on old bills		$939.04

Bills contracted since Jan. 1st, 1908:

Pulpit		$1,056 33
Janitor		225 03
Organist		140 50
Coal		103.50
Piano		200.00
Fitting up Parish House and work on Parish House and new walk ($58.60), and water rent Parish House		252.35
Cash paid on account new ceiling		226.00
Cash paid on account painting and decorating		100.00
Cash other work at church		33.25
Water rents, church and parsonage		31.45
Music		20.98
Interest		23.67
Printing		17.88
Sundries		12.57
Total payments on bills contracted since Jan. 1st		$2,443.51
Total payments on bills contracted before Jan. 1st		939 04
Total payments		$3,382,55
Total receipts	$3,385.72	
	3,382.55	
Cash on hand	$ 3.17	

Outstanding bills:

H. H. Bristol, organist	$31.50
Ginnear & Gager Mfg. Co., on ceiling	50.00
A. Frank, painting and decorating	255 00
Culverwell & Kerr	55.40
A. Y. Beach	44.64
H. H. Parsons, collecting, est.	30.00
W. B. Johnson, coal	
Loans for piano purchase	142.73
Bill for wiring Parish House	
	$609.27

Outstanding notes:

Due on first mortgage parsonage building fund, on parsonage	$1,300.00
Due on second mortgage on parsonage with interest from Sept. 30th	600.00
Note Seymour Trust Co	150.00
	$2,050.00

Treasurer's Report, in account with Parsonage Building Fund, for the year '08

Cash on hand at beginning of year		$1.78
Contributions received per J. B. Baylis, Collector—		
January 13	$102.50	
April 21	131.00	
May 31	27.50	
July 28	100.00	
December 1	51.50	
December 30	99.00	
Total amount of collections		511.50
		$513.28

PAYMENTS.

Work on house	$38.65
Concrete walks	17.63
Shrubbery and work on yard, and materials	36.27
Interest	76.25
Payments on principal of note	300.00
Total payments	468.80
Balance on hand	$44 48

C. J ATWATER,
Treas Parsonage Building Fund.

THE SUNDAYSCHOOL.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1909.

Superintendent, O. M. Williams.
First Asst. Supt., Dr. B. S. Hall.
Second Asst. Supt., Harry H. Parsons.
Secretary, Harry F. Mannweiler.
Asst. Sec'y, Delaware La March.
Treasurer, W. N. Stevens.
Librarian, Ernest Taylor.
Book Committee, Mrs. W. N. Stevens, Mrs. J. A. Griffith, Mrs. E. Taylor, Mr. Jas. B. Baylis.

TEACHERS.

Mrs. C. J. Atwater,	Mrs. E. Taylor,
Mrs. J. A. Griffith,	Mrs. T. B. Beach,
Mrs. C. C. Radford,	Mrs. Geo. Wyant,
Mrs. Dr. Warner,	Mrs. Arthur Peck,
Mrs. Fred Peck,	Mrs. Otis Peck,
Mrs. E. F. Hodge,	Miss Harriet Bristol,
Miss Mary Hill,	Miss Florence O'Meara,
Miss Eva O'Meara,	Miss Mary Anthony,
Miss Rachel Cornforth,	Dr. B. S. Hall,
Harry H. Parsons,	W. N. Stevens,
Rev. Geo. F. Abel,	Y. M. B. C.

PRIMARY DEPARTMEMT.

Superintendent, Miss Selina Edwards.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

The Sundayschool closed another year that is highly gratifying in that it held a session every Sabbath.

The annual picnic was held at Mansfield Grove on Thursday, Aug. 6th, 1908, there being an unusually large gather ing, and a pleasant outing was had.

During the year regular monthly meetings were held same as previous years, on the first Sunday of every month, and three special meetings.

The following entertainments were held: Children's Day, June 14th. Rally Day, Sept. 27th, and Christmas concert, Christmas night. On the latter occasion, Mr. Edmund Day presented the Sundayschool with oranges.

We mourn the loss of two of our members—Thomas Williams, Jr. and Etta F. Zwick, they having passed to the great beyond, the former March 11th, aged 24 years, and the latter Oct. 21st, aged 16 years, 7 months.

We also sustained a heavy loss in the death of Ex. Supt. Jas. Swan, whom the Master called from among our midst Sept. 23rd, aged 77 years.

The banner classes for the various months during the year having the highest average per cent of attendance were as follows:

MONTH	CLASS.	PER CENT.
Jan.	Mrs. C. J. Atwater	100
Jan.	Miss Mary Hill	100
Feb	Mrs. C. J. Atwater	100
Mar.	Miss Florence O'Meara	97½
Apr.	Mrs. C. J. Atwater	100
May	Miss Florence O'Meara	100
May	Miss Mary Hill	100
June	Miss Lettie Warrender	86
July	Miss Lettie Warrender	82
Aug.	Miss Mary Hill	98
Sept.	Miss Mary Hill	87
Oct.	Mr. W. N. Stevens	92
Oct.	Mr. Harry H. Parsons	92
Nov.	Miss Mary Hill	92
Dec.	Mr W. N. Stevens	93

The names of scholars who attended Sundayschool every Sunday in the year 1903, and are entitled to a gold star or bar are as follows:

GOLD STAR.

Oliver Williams, Miss Harriet Bristol, Christina Yucker, Howard Smith, Jasper Otto, May Burton, Minnie Morris, Robert Thompson, Delaware Ma March, Ruth Morris, John Yucker, Mildred Otto, Lillian Yucker, Stanley O'Meara,

Milton Parsons, Viola Baker, Mildred Lee, Ogden Moseley, May Parsons, Es ther Moseley.

GOLD BAR.

Russell Peck, Minnie Borsuch, Milton Parsons, Marion Baylis, Edna Wood bridge, Fred Mengedick, Culver Williams, Howard Parsons, Dorothy O'Meara, Lavinia Baker, Florence Staph, Willie Burton, Walter Staph, Harold Maybury, George Guild, Kenneth Guild Fannie Buehler, Clarence Smith, William Mengedick, Martha Borsuch, Elizabeth Russell, Miss Mary Hill, Miss Selina Edwards.

Number of scholars enrolled in 1908..273
Number of officers and teachers..... 41

Total number enrolled..... 314
Largest attendance, June 14-Sept. 27 245
Smallest attendance, Jan. 12..... 109
Average attendance, ... 192

HARRY F. MANNWEILER,
Secretary.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1908.....	$32.65
Received from Collections, &c...	165.62
	$198.27
Paid out for Sundayschool supplies.....	$189.73
Balance on hand.....	8 54
	$198 27

W. N. STEVENS, Treasurer.

The Young Men's Bible Class.

The Y. M. B. C. during the past year has met every Sunday for study. The class has also met in regular meeting for business every month, with the exception of two. These business meetings have been well attended, there being an average attendance of 16 for the ten meetings. At several of these, supper has been served to the members, and a social time enjoyed. During the year there have been three public events given under the auspices of the class. In April we served a public supper; although it was a stormy evening we cleared $20.72. In May, the Strauss Concert Orchestra gave a splendid concert in aid of the fund for a piano; this netted $71.77, of which $57.47 went to the Society's Committee toward the piano, and $14.30 into the treasury of the class. In June, the ladies of Sylvan Rebekah Lodge gave their Floral Chorus and Drill, which was very successful and added $31.40 to the class treasury. The class has paid the electric light bills of both the church and Memorial hall for the year. After Mr. Johnston's departure, the class was without a leader, but Mr. C. J. Atwater was prevailed upon to assume the leadership, which position he ably filled until Mr. Abel relieved him, and the class as a whole is very grateful to Mr. Atwater for the kind interest he took in its welfare. In November the class took charge of the base ment at the Chrysanthemum Fair, and swelled the receipts to the extent of $43 75. Death has visited the class during the year, removing Thomas Williams, who was one of the original members.

The officers of the class for 1909 are:

President, Charles H. Conine.
Vice President, Foster W. Decker.
Secretary, James B. Baylis.
Treasurer, William H. Decker.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES B. BAYLIS, Sec'y.

Report of the Treasurer of the Young Men's Bible Class.

Received of the 1907 Treasurer.	$ 6.85
Collections by Suppers and Concerts	72.08
Class collections.....	56.38
Donation from Fair Committee by C. J. Atwater's check..	10.51
Donation from W. N. Stevens..	10.00
Total receipts.....	$156.82

EXPENDITURES.

Electric Light Company	$102.03
Miscellaneous	12.56
Total expenditures	$114.72
Balance on hand to date	$42.10

WILLIAM H. DECKER,
Treasurer.

CRADLE ROLL REPORT.

Members enrolled Jan. 1, 1908	12
Received during year	35
Total	47
Transferred to primary	4
Moved away	1
Total	5
Members Jan. 1, 1909	42
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1908	$2.40
Received from S. S. treasury	2.50
Received from collections	.56
Total	$5.46

PAYMENTS.

For framing chart	$1.25
Postage	.71
Postals for social	.50
Supplies	2.45
Total	$4 91
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1909	$ .55

ALICE MICHAELS, SUPT.

Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

OFFICERS.

President, Miss Mae C. Wheeler.
Vice-President, Mrs. W. N. Stevens.
Secretary, Miss Florence A. O'Meara.
Treasurer, Mrs. Edith Culverwell.

Chairmen of Committees.

Lookout, Miss Mary A. Hill.
Prayer meeting, Mrs. A. H. Sampson.
Social, Miss Alice Michaels.
Missionary, Miss Harriet Bristol.
Temperance, Mr. O. M. Williams.
Floral, Miss Robertine Comforth.
Calling, Mrs. F. C. Peck.
Music, Miss Carrie Burgess.

During the year 1908 the Christian Endeavor Society has held a meeting every Sunday evening with the exception of August, when the meetings were held with the Thursday evening prayer-meeting.

Seven active and five associate members have been added to the Society, two members have withdrawn, eight names have been put on the absent list, making the present membership 84.

The twentieth anniversary was held October 9th. The Ansonia Union were invited to meet with us and Mr. Gates, pastor of the Baptist Church, spoke.

October 23d a Sock Social was given; the amount taken in was $57.15.

Seventy-five dollars was paid toward the Christian Endeavor pledge of $150 for the parsonage fund.

The missionary society has planned to secure money for missions by asking from each member five cents a month, half of the money to be used in the support of Miss Alice Beiver, who is sent to Turkey by the C. E. societies of New Haven County. The rest to be used for home missions.

FLORENCE A. O'MEARA,
Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT, Y. P. S. C. E.

Nov. 1, cash on deposit	$30.62
Rec'd from collection	2.50
Rec'd from sock social	55.35
Dec. 1, collection	.75
Jan. 1, collection	.50
Feb. 1, collection	3.52
Total	$93.24
Paid on debt	$75.00
Paid for pledge cards	2.50
Total	$77.50
Cash on deposit	$10.62
Cash on hand	$5.12

EDITH CULVERWELL.

THE LADIES AID SOCIETY.

Report of the Secretary, for the year ending January 1, 1909.

The Ladies' Aid Society closes a very successful year. Since our last annual meeting the society has assisted at two fairs given by the associated societies of the church. The ladies served a chicken pie supper on the first evening of each fair and a cold meat supper on the second. The sum realized from the first being $91, of the second $97.

Three other suppers were served ; a hash and pancake, the usual Orange Tea and a strawberry supper. The proceeds of the Orange Tea were shared equally with the Christian Endeavor Society.

At various times during the year flowers and plants have been sent to shut-in members of the congregation.

During the year we have paid $100 on the parsonage debt, had a hot water boiler attached to the kitchen stove, purchased a new coffee boiler, silver for the dining room, obtained furniture for the social room of Memorial Hall and bought a new carpet for the church.

The Society expects to pay for having the church cleaned, and to contribute to the expense of re-decorating the church.

The officers for the year are :—
President, Mrs. Ezra Marion.
First Vice Pres., Mrs. Fred Peck.
Second Vice Pres., Mrs. Wm. Decker.
Secretary, Mrs. L. C. McEwen.
Treasurer, Mrs. C. J. Atwater.

Directresses, Mrs. A. H. Sampson, Mrs. Griswold, Mrs. Fred Peck, Mrs. Ernest Taylor, Mrs. E. F. Hodge and Mrs. Chas Reynolds.

MRS. L. C. McEWEN, Secretary.

Treasurer's Report from October, 1907, to January 1, 1909.

RECEIPTS

Suppers	$81.40
Work	17.54
Cash	15.84
Interest	20.17
	$134.45
Oct. '07, cash on hand	470.72
	$605.17

PAYMENTS.

Parsonage Fund	$100 00
Painting Church floor	50.00
Help	42.65
Hot water boiler	26.12
Material and supplies	27.87
Silverware	15.90
Parsonage shades	16.65
Sundries	15.46
	$204.65
Balance on hand	310.52

JENNIE T. ATWATER, Treas.

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Report for the year 1908.

Jan. 1, 1908, amount on hand	$10.52
Received during year—	
Dues	9.00
Collections	7.84
Missionary Tea	15.65
Apron Sale	6 60
Thank Offering	7.70
Total	$57.31
Expended—	
Home Mission Work	$15.98
Foreign Mission Work	15.00
Current Expenses	4.10
Total	$35.08
Jan. 1, 1909, Bal. on hand	$22.23

ANNA M. GRIFFITH, Treasurer.

Report of the Secretary of the Woman's Misssionary Society for the year ending Jan. 1, 1909.

The officers for the year 1908 were—
President, Mrs. T. B. Beach.
Vice President, Mrs. C. C. Radford.
Secretary, Mrs. Ernest Taylor.
Treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Griffith.

We have held our meetings regularly on the third Friday in each month, and have had topics discussed and papers read at each one. Our work is for foreign and home missions, one half of our receipts going to Home work and one half to Foreign work. We have a home missionary committee who look after the local work.

Our annual offering of $15.00 we have given to the Woman's Board of Missions, the New Haven Branch. We served a supper, sent $5.00 to the Mt. Carmel Children's Home, $5.00 to the Connecticut Home Missionary Society, sent flowers to the sick, helped some needy families, made bed clothes for a family made destitute by fire, made night clothes for children in the Blind Babies Home, also sent a collection to the home.

We have had two speakers, one a returned missionary from Africa, and Mrs. Phipps of Waterbury, who told us about the missionaries we support in foreign lands.

We have 29 members. The officers for 1909 are the same as for 1908, with the exception of the president, which office has not yet been filled.

MRS. ERNEST TAYLOR,
Secretary.

THE ALBERT SWAN MEMORIAL.

The dedication of the Albert Swan Memorial building on Feb. 2d was a memorable event in the history of the church. At the morning service an eloquent sermon was given by Rev. Dr. Douglas Mackenzie of the Hartford Theological Seminary. At the conclusion of the morning service the clergymen and the officers of the church, followed by the congregation, proceeded to the assembly room of the new building, where the dedication service was held.

Rev. J. F. Johnston spoke of the late Albert Swan to whose memory the building had been erected, after which the title papers and keys were presented to the society by Wm. B. Swan in behalf of his father, Hon. James Swan, who on account of failing health was unable to be present. A complete description of the building is given in the handsome pamphlet printed at the RECORD office in the previous December.

Summary of Benevolent Contributions.

By the Church Treasurer:

Home Missionary Society	$10.24
Foreign Missions	3.77
American Missionary Association	6.76
By the Woman's Missionary Society:	
Home Mission work	15.98
Foreign Mission work	15.00
	$51.75

Summary of Receipts.

The total receipts for various purposes for the year make a fine showing.

Per report church treasurer	$35 36
Per report society treas $3385.73	
Less cash Jan1,'08 $4.00	
Less loans .....742 73—746.73—2,378.99	
Receipts for parsonage fund	511.50
Sundayschool collections	165.62
By the Young Men's Bible class ($156.63 less cash from 1907.)	149.97
Y. P. S. C. E.	93.24
Ladies Aid Society	134 45
Woman's Missionary Society	46 79
	$3,480 83

Summary of Parish Expense, 1908.

Per society treasurer	$3,3[illegible]2.55
Per church treasurer	20 00
Per Ladies Aid society	204.65
Per Sundayschool treasurer	189.73
Per Young Men's Bible Class	114.73
Per Cradle Roll Supt.	4 91
	$3,916.56

At the annual church meeting held Jan. 10th, 1909, it was voted that there be a rollcall at the next annual meeting.

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Reports for the Year 1909. Lists of Officers, &c., for 1910.

Seymour Congregational Church.

Organized Nov. 8, 1789.

REV. GEORGE F. ABEL, Pastor.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Sunday 10.30 a. m. and 7 p m.

Sunday school after the morning service.

Christian Endeavor meeting Sunday evening at 6 o'clock.

Midweek meeting Thursday evening at 7.30.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is administered on the first Sabbath morning in January, March, May, July, September and November.

Collections are usually taken on the first Sundays of March, July and November as follows:

March, for Home Missions.

July, for Foreign Missions.

Nov., for American Missionary Ass'n.

The remaining communion offerings are for church expenses.

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH.

CLERK, W. C. Sharpe.

TREASURER, C. J. Atwater

AUDITOR, M. C. Keir.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE, Mrs. C. C. Radford, Mrs. W. N. Stevens, Mrs. C. J. Atwater, Charles H. Griffith, Walter Stockton.

S. S. SUPT., Oliver M. Williams.

DEACONS, Elected for Four Years.

William Harris, term expires 1911.
Thomas Thomas, " " 1912.
Charles Maybury, " " 1913.
H. H. Parsons, " " 1914.

PASTOR'S WORD.

The reports here printed make many words from the Pastor unnecessary. At the Annual meeting, in a report of his own, he gave it as his judgment that the condition of our church, in all its branches of work is highly encouraging. The large attendance at that meeting proved his judgment sound.

It was gratifying to note the determination to secure adequate support for our home work by enlisting every one in the parish. If every family in the parish would help a little, the burden would be eased somewhat for the relatively few who generally bear the lion's share. The willingness, also, to do what we are asked to do for the benevolent work of the denomination as a whole, bears eloquent testimony to the spirit that is in us. But the Pastor wishes that we might see the fields about us that are white to harvest, and interest ourselves in bringing into the fellowship of our Church many who need but a word of persuasion.

Yours sincerely,

GEORGE F. ABEL.

REPORT OF THE CLERK.

Nine members were received May 2d, 1909, four by letter and five on profession:

By letter.

Mrs. Robert Williams, from the 2nd Congregational Church, Derby.

Charles H. Camp, Elizabeth H. Camp, Jennie M. Camp, from the Middlefield Congregational church.

On profession.

Annie Elizabeth Harris.

Delaware Le Marche.

Matilda Duester.
Robertene Dresser Cornforth.
Viola Stella Baker.

There are seven deaths to record.

Mrs. Lucy A. Dunham, received May 6. 1888, died in New Haven.

Augustus J. Meyers, received Nov. 6, 1892, died in Waterbury.

Ann Elizabeth Maybury, received Jan. 6, 1901, died April 9th.

Charles E. Wheeler, received Jan. 2, 1898, died in New York City May 29th.

Leander C. Brown, received May 6, 1900, died Sept. 7th.

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Ingersoll, received Jan. 5, 1890, died Dec. 3d.

One has withdrawn by letter, Helen J. Stockton.

This left a membership of 317 on the first of January, 1910, of whom 264 were resident members and 53 non-resident. At the annual meeting, Jan. 6 and 13, four names were dropped from the list.

W. C. SHARPE, Clerk.

Report of C. J. Atwater, Treasurer of Seymour Congregational Church, for the year 1909:

Receipts.

Jan.	3,	Collection	$ 4.45
March	7	"	12.01
May	1	"	9.65
July	4	"	9.00
Sept.	5	"	3.56
Nov.	7	"	11.21
			$49.88

Balance against Church beginning of year	$ 2.23	
March 22, paid Home Missionary Society	12.01	
March 27, paid W. C. Sharpe one half cost annuals	6.50	
July 19, paid A. B. C. F. M.	9.00	
Nov. 23, " American Missionary Association	11.21	40.95
Cash on hand		$8.93

C. J. ATWATER, Treasurer.

THE ECCLESIASTICAL SOCIETY.

Officers of the ecclesiastical society for 1910:

Clerk, John Swan.

Society's Committee, C. W. Michaels, R. G. Cornforth, W. H. Decker.

Treasurer, C. J. Atwater.

Collector, H. H. Parsons.

Auditor, James B. Baylis.

Tythingmen, Wm. Harris, Geo. Wyant.

Cemetery agent, C. J. Atwater.

Cemetery sexton, Geo. W Burroughs.

Envelope committee, M. C. Keir, John Swan, Oscar Hull, W. N. Stevens, Wm. J. Culverwell.

REPORT OF THE CLERK.

The Society has held its regular monthly meetings the first Monday in each month but there has been a lack of interest the past year as very few attended these meetings.

At these meetings the Chairman of the Society Committee, the Collector and the Treasurer each make reports. The Treasurer's report should be of interest to all. The running expenses of the Church are close to $2,000 00, and the receipts or income about $1,600.00

The past year the Society's Committee raised by special subscription $330.00 and borrowed $150.00.

The new ceiling and the painting and decorating of inside of church, which cost $271.00 and $365.00 respectively, were paid for the past year.

This year the Society's Committee bought a car-load of coal which made quite a saving in the cost. The coal bins had to be enlarged and improved to accommodate the extra quantity.

The Society has the following notes payable upon which they are paying 5 per cent:

$1,000.00, $600.00, $300.00.

The first two notes are secured by first and second mortgages on the parsonage, the last being endorsed by the Society's Committee.

To offset there has been pledged on Parsonage Building Fund $915 00 now due, $222 84 back seat rentals.

The church property is insured for $21,000.00.

JOHN SWAN, Clerk.

Report of C. J Atwater, Treasurer of Seymour Congregational Society, for the year 1909:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand at beginning of year		$ 3.17
Pew rents collected		1,205.52
Collections mornings	$163.79	
" evenings	70.09	233 88
Envelope collections		144.66
From Ladies' Aid Society towards improvements		100.00
Money borrowed of Seymour Trust Co		150.00
Proceeds of fair		374 60
Contributions towards ceiling and improvements		27.00
Net proceeds of concert		22.50
Contributions towards floating indebtedness		170.00
Special contributions for piano loan		67.73
Special contribution, H. P. Day and E. Day, for piano loan		75.00
		$2,574.06

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Rev G. F. Abel, pastor		$1,041.66
" G E. Wyant, sexton		225.00
" Miss H H. Bristol, organist		182.00
Coal, A. Y. Beach	$132.11	
" W. B. Johnson	70.75	
" G. W James	3.40	
" Rimmon Eyelet Co.	172.72	378.98
Interest		45.00
Repairs and improvements:		
A. Frank	$255.00	
A. T. Peck	55.73	
Culverwell & Kerr	55.40	
Kinnear & Gager Mfg. Co.	45.00	
Seymour Lumber and Hardware Co	13.61	
Seymour Electric Light Co.	1.85	426.59
Printing		$12.50
Collecting, 1908		29.99
Insurance on furniture, parish house		7.00
Water rents, parsonage and parish house		30.16
Fire extinguishers		25 00
Payment piano loan, John Swan		67.73
Payment piano loan, H. P. Day		75.00
Sundries		18.25
		$2,564.86
Balance on hand		$9.20

C. J. ATWATER, Treasurer.

Seymour, Conn., Jan. 3, 1910.

Report of Collector of Congregational Church Society.

Whole amount of seat rentals for year 1909		$1101.40
Collected on year 1909	$941.52	
" " " 1908	235.83	
" " " 1907	28.17	
	$1.205 52	
Whole amount collected during year		$1,205.52
Balance due on year 1909		$159.89

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. PARSONS, Collector.

Seymour, Conn., Jan. 14, 1910.

Report of Envelope Collections.

There are now about 50 contributing through the envelope system. We have received during the year, from Jan. 1, 1909, to Jan. 1, 1910 ..... $144.66

H H. PARSONS, Treasurer.

PARSONAGE FUND.

Report of collector to Dec. 31, 1909.

Received and paid to C. J. Atwater, treasurer:

June 15		$ 85.00
Oct. 23		96 50
Dec. 3		92.00
		$273.50
Amount pledged		$2,290.00
" paid		1,375.00
Balance due		$915.00

J. B. BAYLIS, Collector.

Report of the Secretary of the Council of Eight.

The Council of Eight, under whose direction the Gymnasium in the Parish House is conducted, consists of the Ecclesiastical Society's Committee, the Clerk of the Society, and the four officers of the Y. M B. C. Meetings are held monthly to transact business. Since the Gym was opened one year ago last April it has been fairly well patronized, but not to the extent that it deserves. It is equipped with horizontal bars, parallel bars, chest weights, striking bag, Indian clubs, dumb bells, carpet bowling, rifle range, and various games, which equipment has cost $160.64. The expense was kept down by reason of the fact that a very great deal of the labor was done by the Athletic Committee and other members of the Gym. The receipts from dues from April 1, 1908, to Dec. 31, 1909, were $168.25, leaving a balance of $7.61.

Believing it would be for the benefit of the Gym four members presented a petition for a change in the rules governing the parish house, and a committee of the church, society and Bible class changed the rules so as to admit any person of good character to use the Gym on being elected by a three-fourths vote of the Council of Eight. It looks as though this would be a good thing, as several young men have already been elected. The council has also engaged an instructor, Sidney Gilbart, of the Ansonia Y. M. C. A., to take charge of a class every Monday night, and the prospects are the Gym will become what the donor intended it should be, a place where the young men of the town can spend their evenings under different influences than can be found on the streets.

The small boys and the ladies have not been forgotten. A large class of boys is conducted by Rev. Mr. Abel every Monday afternoon, and the ladies have one night a week, and also some afternoons. The yearly dues have been reduced to $1.50 for men, 60 cents for women, and 60 cents for boys under 14, payable in advance.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES B. BAYLIS,
Secretary.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Report of the Secretary.

The Sundayschool closed another year that is highly gratifying to all concerned, having held a session every Sabbath except the last one when a severe snow storm interfered. The annual picnic was held at Light House Point, Friday, Aug. 6th, 1909. Early in the day the weather was unfavorable, consequently, not as many attended as in past years; notwithstanding a pleasant time was enjoyed.

During the year regular monthly meetings were held the first Sunday of each month as well as two special meetings.

The following entertainments were held: Children's Day in June, Rally Day, Sept. 26th, and Christmas Concert Christmas night. On the latter occasion Mr. Edmund Day presented the Sundayschool with oranges.

We mourn the loss of one of our members, Elizabeth Maybury, whom Almighty God called to Heavenly rest Friday, April 9, 1909, age 23 years 10 months.

On account of removal to other localities sixteen names were dropped from membership roll.

The following are names of those attending Sundayschool every Sunday during the year.

Number of scholars enrolled 1909	286
Number of officers and teachers	30
Total number enrolled	316
Largest attendance Sept. 26	257
Smallest " Aug. 29	112
Average "	180

All of the old officers were re-elected

for ensuing year except Harry F. Mannweiler, who resigned after serving about seven years, he being succeeded by Ernest Taylor.

Officers for the year 1910 are as be low.

Superintendent, O. M. Williams.
First Asst. Supt., B. S. Hall.
Second Asst. Supt., Harry H. Parsons
Secretary, Ernest Taylor.
Asst. Secy., Delaware Le March.
Treasurer W. N. Stevens.

TEACHERS.

Mrs. C. J. Atwater.	Mrs. Flora Jorey.
Mrs. J. A. Griffith.	Mr. William Harris.
Mrs. C. H. Griffith.	Mrs. John Weymer.
Mrs. C. C. Radford.	Miss Mary Anthony.
Mrs. Fred Peck.	Miss Ethel Rice.
Mrs. Ernest Taylor.	Miss Harriet Bristol.
Mrs. Geo. Wyant.	Mrs. L. C. McEwen.
Mr. Harry Parsons.	Miss Mary Hill.
Miss Elizabeth Camp.	Dr. B. S. Hall.
Mr. W. N. Stevens.	

Mr. C. J. Atwater, Y. M. B. C.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Miss Selina Edwards, Superintendent.
Assistants.
Mrs. H. A. May. Mrs. O. M. Williams.
Miss Margaret Keir.

The banner classes for the various months during the year having the highest average per cent of attendance were as follows:

Month.	Class.	Per cent.
Jan.	Miss May Hill,	94
Feb.	Mrs. Geo. Wyant,	100
March	Miss May Hill,	96
April	Miss Ethel Rice,	100
May	Mrs. Ernest Taylor,	98
June	Mis Ethel Rice,	97
July	Miss Mary Anthony,	90
"	Miss Eva O'Meara,	90
Aug.	Mrs. Fred Peck,	95
Sept.	Mrs. Ernest Taylor,	91
Oct.	Miss Ethel Rice,	95
Nov.	Mrs. C. H. Griffith,	97
Dec.	Mrs. John Weymer,	100

Attended every Sunday through the year:

O. M. Williams, Supt.; Delaware La March, Asst. Sec'y; Miss Mary Hill, Miss Selina Edwards, Rev. Geo. F. Abel, Fred Mengedick, Kenneth Guild, William Mengedick, Howard Smith, Clarence Smith, Jasper Otto, Frank Buehler, Fredrick Bretschneider, Grace Morris, Hannah Owens, Minnie Morris, John Yucker, Harold Evans, Harold Maybury, Florence Johns, Edna Woodbridge, Christina Yucker, Martha Borsuch, Frances Lee, Stanley Parsons, Russell Peck, Ogden Moseley, Howard Parsons, Lillian Yucker, May Parsons, Minnie Borsuch, Mildred Otto, Mildred Partrick, Esther Moseley, George Guild.

HARRY F. MANNWEILER,
Secretary.

Congregational Sundayschool Treasurer's Report year 1909. (W. N. Stevens.)

Jan. 1, cash on hand	$ 8.54	
Collections for year	164.39	
		$172.93
S. S. expenses	$170.82	
Balance on hand	2.11	
		$172.93

Missionary collection for year.. $13.26
Fund held for Sundayschool books, donated by Y. P. S. C. E. $11.40

Secretary's Report of the Young Men's Bible Class.

During the past year the Y. M. B. C. has met on Sundays, with the exception of July and August, for religious study, and nearly every month a business meeting has been held. On March 10 the class spent, by invitation, a very pleasant evening at the Parsonage. Games were played and refreshments served. The class received and accepted an invitation to a meeting of the Baraca Class of the Baptist church of Ansonia, and a large number attended and spent a profitable evening. In April the class promoted a minstrel entertainment, which added $76 to our treasury. The thanks of the class are due to all who aided in the performance, particularly to F. E. Chamberlin, A. H. Sampson and D. J. Edwards, under whose direction it was given. On account of Rev.

Mr. Abel's presence being required in the Sundayschool, on September 8 the class elected Mr. C. J. Atwater as leader, and Mr. M. C. Keir as assistant. While our loss was the Sundayschool's gain, yet we feel very grateful to Mr. Atwater and Mr. Keir for accepting the trying positions, and consider ourselves fortunate in securing such able leaders.

At some of our monthly meetings we have had suppers, but the one on October 1, to open the fall season, was exceptionally pleasant, when addresses were made by Supt. Bowman, Mr. Williams and Dr. Hall of the Sundayschool, Mr. Abel and our own leaders. Last spring the class bowled a series of games with the N. E. O. P., winning three out of five games. The class is now the possessor of a very large wall map, to assist us in our Sunday studies, the gift of Mr. C. W. Michaels. A committee of the class had charge of the basement at the Harvest Festival, and the result of their labors added $36.87 to the receipts of the fair. During the year we have again paid for the lighting of the church and the parish house, which cost $70.73 During the coming year it is hoped that still more can be accomplished, and that the Bible Class will grow in numbers and influence and be better understood by the members of the church and parish.

The officers for 1910 are:
President, F. M. Parsons.
Vice-President, G. A. Hubbell.
Secretary, J. B. Baylis.
Treasurer, G E. Wyant.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES B. BAYLIS,
Secretary.

Treasurer's report of the Young Men's Bible Class:

Cash on hand Jan. 2d, 1909	$42.10
Sunday collections	47.11
Concert given by Y. M. B. C.	76 00
Cash from Mrs. May concert	12.00
" " fair committee	10.00
Total amount collected	$187.21
Expense electric lights	$70.73
Supper supplies and washing	5.69
Flowers for Grant Hubbell	1 00
Total expenditures	$77 42
Leaving a balance on hand of	$109.79

W. H. DECKER, Treasurer.
Jan. 6, 1910.

CRADLE ROLL REPORT.

Members enrolled Jan. 1, 1909	42
Received during year	11
Total	53
Transferred to Primary	12
Moved away	3
Total	15
Members enrolled Jan. 1, 1910	38
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1909	$0.55
Received from collection	2 67
Total	$3.22

PAYMENTS.

Postage	$1.10
Postals for social	.40
Supplies	1.05
Total	$2.55
Receipts	$3 22
Payments	2 55
Balance Jan. 1, 1910	$0 67

ALICE M. MICHAELS,
Superintendent.

Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

President, Mrs. A. H. Sampson.
Vice President, Miss Grace Morris.
Secretary, Miss Annie E. Harris.
Treasurer, Miss Robertine D. Cornforth.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.

Lookout, Miss Viola Baker.
Prayermeeting, Miss Alice Michaels.
Social, Miss Robertine Cornforth.
Missionary, Miss Harriet Bristol.
Flower, Miss Mae Burton.
Calling, Mrs F. C. Peck.

During the year 1909 the Christian

Endeavor has held a meeting every Sunday evening.

Seven active members have been added to the society and six names put on the honorary list, making the present membership 62.

The society joined the Derby Union in May and has held the banner for the largest attendance since that time.

A lawn party was given July 14. The amount taken in was $14.50.

Twentyfive dollars was paid toward the Christian Endeavor pledge of $150 for the parsonage fund

A halloween party was given Oct. 30. The amount taken in was $7.50.

ANNIE E. HARRIS,
Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT Y. P. S. C. E.

Mar. 1.	Cash on deposit		$10.62
	R. c'd from collection		.83
Apr. 1,	" " "		1 00
May 1,	" " "		1.58
June 1,	" " "		.57
July 1,	" " "		.25
Aug. 1,	" " lawn party		22.50
Oct. 1,	" " Collection		.30
Nov. 1,	" " "		.72
Dec. 1,	" " "		.59
	" " Halloween party		7.50
Total			$46.46
Paid on debt			$25 00
" for pledge cards			2 00
" for cream July 14			8.75
" for banner			1.00
" for flowers			.50
" for groceries			.40
For new and second hand books			2.10
Total			$39.75
Cash on hand			$10.68

ROBERTINE D. CORNFORTH,
Treasurer.

The Junior Endeavor Society.

Two years ago we had a very strong Junior Endeavor Society but on account of the superintendent leaving town and unable to get any one to take up the work which she left, they were obliged to disband.

The second Sunday in September of 1909, the children were called together for the purpose of starting another Junior Society. At our first meeting we had 10 boys and girls. We now have an average attendance of 35, with a membership of 40.

The society which had disbanded had pledged $50 toward the parsonage fund, but had only raised $16. Our new society feel responsible for the balance and we expect to make it up. Just at present we have $1 65 in our treasury but trust in the near future to have more.

At our Thanksgiving meeting we had a union meeting with the Junior League. Christmas we were very anxious to do something to make others have a Merry Christmas but as we had so little money we were not able to do a great deal. We have a scrap-book committee and through hard and faithful work on their part we made six scrap books which we gave to Mr. Williams to send to some hospital or wherever he might think best, trusting they will make some little life happier.

We have had one social for the children at which we had 55. They all seemed to have a most delightful time. After our social we elected our officers, which are as follows:

President, Gardner Cornforth.
Vice President, Frances Lee.
Secretary, Marion Baylis.
Treasurer, Russell Peck.

The children appear to be very much interested in their work and I trust their interest may be kept up through the year. MAE C. WHEELER,
Junior Superintendent.

THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

Report of the Secretary for the year ending January 1, 1910.

The Ladies' Aid Society has met regularly through the past year, with several all day sessions for work.

During the year we have paid $100

toward decorating the church, $50 on the parsonage fund, purchased shades for the four long windows in the church, and assisted at the annual church fair.

We have added three new rugs to the furnishings of our social room in the parish house, served a hash and pancake supper, an egg supper, the usual orange tea, given a reception to the choir, and sent flowers to the shut-in members of the congregation.

The officers for 1910 are:

President, Mrs. F. C. Peck.

1st Vice President, Mrs. C. H. Reynolds.

2d Vice President, Mrs. A. H. Sampson.

Secretary, Mrs. L. C. McEwen.

Treasurer Mrs. C. J. Atwater.

Directresses, Mrs. E. L. Griswold, Mrs. F. C. Peck, Mrs Ernest Taylor, Mrs. E. F. Hodge, Mrs. Chas. Reynolds, Mrs. C. H. Griffith.

MRS. L. C. McEWEN,
Secretary.

Report of Treasurer of Ladies' Aid Society:

RECEIPTS.

Jan. 1st, 1909, cash on hand	$310.52
3 suppers	87.55
Chicken supper	99.74
Work	9.93
Dinner	2.30
Rugs	8.57
Interest	8.90
	$527.51

PAYMENTS.

Toward decorating church	$100.00
Howard & Barber, carpet	122.61
Toward parsonage fund	50 00
Treasurer fair committee	73.82
Rugs	38.23
Shades	16 00
Supplies	50.62
Work	1.88
Flowers	4 93
	$458.09
Balance Jan. 1st, 1910	$69.42

Report of the Woman's Missionary Society

Of the Congregational church for the year ending Jan. 1, 1910:

Our meetings have been held regularly the third Friday in each month. The study of the book, Aliens vs. Americans, was taken for our Home Missionary meetings, and proved to be very interesting and instructive. The lives of pioneer missionaries in foreign lands was taken for the foreign missionary topics, and was very much enjoyed. A scholarship of $8.00 was sent to Gregory Institute, Wilmington, N. C., and a barrel of clothing, valued at $10, was sent to the same place. $15 was sent to the New Haven Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions. Our thank offering at the November meeting was over $22. Mrs. Walter Scudder, a returned missionary from India, addressed our November meeting. We gave $5 to Mrs. Scudder to assist in the education of some Indian young people who were anxious for an education. At our annual business meeting in December the following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. G. F. Abel.
Vice President, Mrs. C. C Radford.
Secretary, Mrs. Ernest Taylor.
Treasurer, Mrs. Lewis C. McEwen.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ERNEST TAYLOR,
Secretary.

Treasurer's report of the Woman's Missionary Society for 1909.

January 1, 1909 cash on hand	$22.23
Received during year:	
Collections	4.36
Dues	10 50
Thank offering	22.82
Total	$59.91
Expended:	
Home Missions	$ 9.00
Foreign "	15.00
Sundries	1.75
	$25.75
Balance, Jan. 1, 1910	34.16

The dates of recent pastorates have been as follows:

Rev. S. C. Leonard, Nov. 15, 1874—July 1, 1879.
Rev. F. S. Root, Sept. 7, 1881—Nov. 18, 1884.
Rev. F. J. Fairbanks, May 1, 1885—Mar. 4, 1886.
Rev. T. E. Davies, Oct. 24, 1886—Mar. 31, 1881.
Rev. H. A. Campbell, Jan. 1, 1892—May 1, 1904.
Rev. J. F. Johnston, July 15, 1904—May 1, 1908.
Rev. Geo. F. Abel, Aug. 1, 1908.—

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